



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**New Jersey Department of Human Services**  
**Data Concerning**  
**Special Response Unit Investigations**  
**Involving Individuals Residing in Community Care Residences**

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# **New Jersey Department of Human Services Data Concerning Special Response Unit Investigations Involving Individuals Residing in Community Care Residences**

## **HISTORY:**

Governor Chris Christie signed Public Law 2012, Chapter 69, in December 2013, which established an Act concerning individuals with Developmental Disabilities, designated as “*Tara’s Law*” within the Department of Human Services (DHS). The law was created to provide protections to and increased oversight of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) residing in community care residences (CCRs).

In addition, the statute directed DHS to compile data about investigations conducted pursuant to this law concerning abuse, neglect or exploitation of an individual with an intellectual/developmental disability residing in a community care residence and issue an annual report regarding this data.

The following data represents investigations conducted regarding individuals with an intellectual/developmental disability residing in a community care residence beginning June 3, 2013 - the effective date of Tara’s Law – to December 31, 2013, the end of the calendar year. Subsequent reports issued will reflect data for the preceding calendar year.

**Investigations Involving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities  
Residing in  
Community Care Residences  
6/3/13- 12/31/13**

**The number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in community care residences who were the subject of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.**

- There were 58 individuals with a developmental disability residing in a community care residence involved in 79 allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Note that there can be more than one allegation associated with an individual.

**The number of substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded allegations regarding individuals with developmental disabilities residing in a community care residence.**

- There were 64 incidents involving 79 allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. An incident can have more than one allegation.
- Of the 79 allegations:
  - 29 were allegations involving abuse;
  - 43 were allegations involving neglect;
  - 7 were allegations involving exploitation.
- Of the 79 allegations:
  - 23 or 29.1% were substantiated;
  - 56 or 70.9% were unsubstantiated;
  - 0 were unfounded.

**The number of deaths, if any, of individuals with developmental disabilities who were residing in community care residences and were the subject of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and the cause of death.**

There were no reported deaths of individuals with developmental disabilities who were residing in community care residences and were the subject of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**The number of case managers or case managers' supervisors who have been reassigned or terminated, or both, as a result of an investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual with a developmental disability residing in a community care residence.**

There were no case managers or case managers' supervisors who were reassigned or terminated, or both, as a result of an investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual with a developmental disability residing in a community care residence.

**The number of case managers or case managers' supervisors against whom a civil or criminal action has been brought as a result of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual with a developmental disability residing in a community care residence.**

There were no case managers or case managers' supervisors against whom a civil or criminal action has been brought as a result of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual with a developmental disability residing in a community care residence.