

Tara's Law Reporting
NJAC 10:44D- 3.4

Public Law 2012, Chapter 69, was enacted in December 2013, which established “Tara’s Law”, an Act concerning individuals with Developmental Disabilities. 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 annually report this data.

In 2019, the reporting requirements of Tara’s Law were promulgated into NJAC §10:44D Central Registry of Offenders Against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, section 3.4 Compilation of Data by the Office of Investigations.

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	The number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in community care residences who were the subject of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation and the number of substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded allegations	38	8	26	11	20
	Abuse Substantiated	7	2	3	1	2
	Abuse Unsubstantiated	10	3	4	3	18
	Abuse Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0
	Neglect Substantiated	13	1	13	3	4
	Neglect Unsubstantiated	19	4	12	2	3
	Neglect Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0
	Exploitation Substantiated	4	0	0	0	0
	Exploitation Unsubstantiated	2	0	0	2	0
	Exploitation Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0
2	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	0	0	0	0	1
	Cause of death					Multi-organ failure; septic shock

3	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	0	0	0	0	0
4	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	0	0	0	0	0