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Disability Rights Center Honored for Investigation of Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center  
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On Tuesday, June 13, the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) honored Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire (DRC) for its work to stop abuse and neglect at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center, an 88-bed facility for children and adults with brain injuries and developmental disabilities that operated in Effingham, New Hampshire. NDRN also recognized Jack Rodolico, an investigative reporter at New Hampshire Public Radio for his extensive reporting on conditions at the facility.

“We are delighted to honor the Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire for their exceptional work ending the abuse and neglect of residents at Lakeview,” said NDRN Executive Director Curt Decker. “The people of New Hampshire have no stronger advocates for individuals with disabilities than DRC.”

DRC’s scrutiny of conditions at Lakeview began with an investigation and report regarding the excessive use of restraint on one resident in 2010. Over the next several years, DRC continued to monitor conditions at the facility and advocate for improvements at Lakeview as well as increased oversight by New Hampshire’s licensing agency. In 2014, following the death of a 22 year old Lakeview resident, DRC-NH issued two additional reports, an investigation of the resident’s death and an overview of deficiencies at the facility that compromised the safety and well-being of residents.

In response to DRC’s investigation reports and Lakeview’s failure to comply with required corrective actions, Lakeview was ordered to close in December 2015. DRC staff worked closely with residents throughout the closure of the facility, including coordination with disability groups across the country to transition Lakeview residents back to their home states.

Karen Rosenberg, senior staff attorney at DRC, led the investigation into the facility and accepted the award on behalf of DRC. “It’s humbling to be recognized for what we all saw as just doing our jobs. We did what was in our power to bring concerns about abuse and neglect at Lakeview to the appropriate officials and to the public.”

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About the Disability Rights Center - New Hampshire

The Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating barriers to the full and equal enjoyment of civil and other legal rights by people with disabilities in New Hampshire. More information on Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire is available at [www.drcnh.org](http://www.drcnh.org).