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- Kevin Brown - District 56, Democratic
- Jaime Foster - District 57, Democratic
- Tom Arnone - District 58, Democratic
- Carol Hall - District 59, Republican
- Jane Garibay - District 60, Democratic
- Tami Zawistowski - District 61, Republican
- Mark Anderson - District 62, Republican
- Jay Case - District 63, Republican
- Maria Horn - District 64, Democratic
- Michelle Cook - District 65, Democratic
- Karen Reddington-Hughes - District 66, Republican
- William Buckbee - District 67, Republican
- Joe Polletta - District 68, Republican
- Cindy Harrison - District 69, Republican
- Seth Bronko - District 70, Republican
- William Pizzuto - District 71, Republican
- Larry Butler - District 72, Democratic
- Ronald Napoli Jr. - District 73, Democratic
- Michael DiGiovancarlo - District 74, Democratic
- Geraldo Reyes - District 75, Democratic

- John Piscopo - District 76, Republican
- Cara Pavalock-D'Amato - District 77, Republican
- Joe Hoxha - District 78, Republican
- Mary Fortier - District 79, Democratic
- Gale Mastrofrancesco - District 80, Republican
- Christopher Poulos - District 81, Democratic
- Michael Quinn - District 82, Democratic
- Jonathan Fazzino - District 83, Democratic
- Hilda Santiago - District 84, Democratic
- Mary Mushinsky - District 85, Democratic
- Vincent Candelora - District 86, Republican
- Dave Yaccarino Sr. - District 87, Republican
- Joshua Elliott - District 88, Democratic
- Lezlye Zupkus - District 89, Republican
- Craig Fishbein - District 90, Republican
- Michael D'Agostino - District 91, Democratic
- Patricia Dillon - District 92, Democratic
- Toni Walker - District 93, Democratic
- Robyn Porter - District 94, Democratic
- Juan Candelaria - District 95, Democratic
- Roland J. Lemar - District 96, Democratic
- Alphonse Paolillo - District 97, Democratic
- Moira Rader - District 98, Democratic
- Joseph Zullo - District 99, Republican
- Kai Juanna Belton - District 100, Democratic
- John-Michael Parker - District 101, Democratic
- Robin Comey - District 102, Democratic
- Liz Linehan - District 103, Democratic
- Kara Rochelle - District 104, Democratic
- Nicole Klarides-Ditria - District 105, Republican
- Mitch Bolinsky - District 106, Republican
- Marty Foncello - District 107, Republican
- Pat Callahan - District 108, Republican
- Farley Santos - District 109, Democratic
- Bob Godfrey - District 110, Democratic
- Aimee Berger-Girvalo - District 111, Democratic
- Tony Scott - District 112, Republican
- Jason Perillo - District 113, Republican
- Mary Welander - District 114, Democratic
- Vacant - District 115
- Treneé McGee - District 116, Democratic
- Charles Ferraro - District 117, Republican
- Frank Smith - District 118, Democratic
- Kathy Kennedy - District 119, Republican
- Laura Dancho - District 120, Republican
- Joe Gresko - District 121, Democratic
- Ben McGorty - District 122, Republican
- David Rutigliano - District 123, Republican
- Andre Baker - District 124, Democratic
- Tom O'Dea - District 125, Republican
- Fred Gee Jr. - District 126, Democratic
- Marcus Brown - District 127, Democratic
- Christopher Rosario - District 128, Democratic
- Steven Stafstrom - District 129, Democratic

- Antonio Felipe - District 130, Democratic
- David Labriola - District 131, Republican
- Jennifer Leeper - District 132, Democratic
- Cristin Vahey - District 133, Democratic
- Sarah Keitt - District 134, Democratic
- Anne Hughes - District 135, Democratic
- Jonathan Steinberg - District 136, Democratic
- Kadeem Roberts - District 137, Democratic
- Rachel Chaleski - District 138, Republican
- Kevin Ryan - District 139, Democratic
- Travis Simms - District 140, Democratic
- Tracy Marra - District 141, Republican
- Lucy Dathan - District 142, Democratic
- Dominique Johnson - District 143, Democratic
- Hubert Delany - District 144, Democratic
- Corey Paris - District 145, Democratic
- David Michel - District 146, Democratic
- Matt Blumenthal - District 147, Democratic
- Anabel Figueroa - District 148, Democratic
- Rachel Khanna - District 149, Democratic
- Steve Meskers - District 150, Democratic
- Hector Arzeno - District 151, Democratic

As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts

- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be

an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your prompt attention to and accommodation of my request will not only adhere to the legal framework but also support my ongoing commitment to advocating for human rights and improving the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program in Connecticut. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
David Medeiros
ABI Resources, CEO, Director, Team Member
Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Support Provider.



RE: 11.16.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 Consumer Data and Financials

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Thu 11/16/2023 12:13 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 7:08 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.16.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 Consumer Data and Financials**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/16/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 Consumer Data and Financials

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), I am requesting access to and copies of documents containing the following information related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program 1: I am requesting access to and copies of all documents, communications, emails, memos, guidelines, and reports related to the following:

- a) Number of Consumers: Documents detailing the total number of consumers currently enrolled in Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 who are receiving care management consultation services.
- b) Service Breakdown: A breakdown of the types of care management consultation services being provided to these consumers, including any relevant service descriptions or categorizations.
- c) Financial Data: Complete financial reports or data related to the funding, cost, and expenditure associated with providing care management consultation services to consumers in ABI Waiver Program 1. This should include both overall program costs and specific costs per consumer, if available.
- d) Funding Sources: Information on the sources of funding for these services, including state and federal contributions, grants, or any other financial support mechanisms.
- e) Cost-Benefit Analyses: Any cost-benefit analyses or financial assessments conducted by the Department regarding the provision of care management consultation services in the ABI Waiver Program 1.

If my request is denied wholly or partially, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. Please release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I require these records in an accessible electronic format due to my disability. If some documents are exempt from disclosure, please provide a Vaughn index detailing the reasons for such exemption.

Your prompt attention to this matter is crucial for ensuring the welfare and fair treatment of ABI Waiver Program consumers. I trust that the Department of Social Services will address these concerns with the urgency and professionalism they warrant.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources LLC

RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Mon 11/20/2023 4:02 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager for the Department of Social Services

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:35 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program**Importance:** High

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Dear CT DSS Officer,

Given the context of a personal disability, I am reaching out to seek your support and accommodation in processing this Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. I deeply appreciate your understanding and any assistance you can provide in this regard. Would you kindly provide your identification for further correspondence within this thread?

Thank you,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:26 PM**To:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

This information has been requested and provided to you. Please refer to the attached chain from 10/23/2023.

Best,

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 2:49 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program**Importance:** High

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11/16/2023

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

Subject: Request for Identification for Record-Keeping Purposes

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to kindly request your assistance for a matter related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). For the purpose of maintaining accurate and comprehensive records, it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide your name and official title. This information is necessary for our documentation and to ensure that all communications and transactions are properly attributed and archived.

We understand and respect the protocols that govern the disclosure of information under FOIA. Please be assured that the requested details will be used solely for record-keeping purposes, in compliance with relevant regulations and standards of professional conduct.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 1:23 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

As previously explained, DSS has no knowledge or documentation that SLG compensates consumers.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 1:08 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

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11/15/2023

FOIA Appeal for Request

Dear CT DSS FOIA Appeals Officer,

I am writing to appeal the response to my Freedom of Information Act request regarding the compensation details for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program consumers. The response I received, stated: "This does not occur," so this information does not exist."

I am concerned about the definitive nature of this statement and seek further clarification and supporting documentation. Specifically, I request the following:

1. Detailed Explanation: A comprehensive explanation or official statement detailing how the Department determined that compensation for ABI Waiver Program consumers "This does not occur." This should include any analyses, reports, or internal reviews that support this conclusion.
2. Policy Documentation: Copies of any policies, guidelines, or internal memos that outline the procedures and criteria used to assess compensation matters related to ABI Waiver Program consumers.
3. Historical Data: Any historical data or records that the Department used to ascertain that such compensation has never occurred.

This request is made under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, which ensures public access to government records and information. The statement "this does not occur" implies a level of certainty that necessitates thorough documentation and evidence. As a concerned citizen and in the interest of public transparency, I believe it is imperative to understand the basis of such definitive claims made by a government agency.

I appreciate your attention to this appeal and look forward to a timely response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:09 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

David –

As explained in previous correspondence, responding to complaint submissions does not fall under the purview of FOIA.

Please see the answered responses below.

1. **Records of Complaints and Actions Taken:** Documentation regarding the receipt and subsequent actions taken in response to the complaint filed on September 20, 2023, concerning the Supported Living Group.
 - a. This category of complaints is already being addressed in your previous requests as explained to you on 11/14/2023
2. **Compensation Details for ABI Waiver Program Consumers:**
 - a. This does not occur, so this information does not exist
3. **Nature and structure of compensation provided to consumers for services at SLG.**
 - a. See 2. -a.
4. **Amounts, frequency, and criteria of compensation.**
 - a. See 2. -a.
5. **Funding sources and any limitations or conditions attached.**
 - a. See 2. -a.
6. **Documentation of consumer agreements or contracts relating to compensation.**
 - a. See 2. -a.

7. Investigations and Audits: Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits related to consumer payment or compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, specifically regarding the Supported Living Group, including outcomes of these inquiries.
 - a. See 1.-a.
8. Policies and Regulations: Any guidelines, policies, or regulations governing consumer compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to services provided by the Supported Living Group.
 - a. See 2.-a.
9. Safeguards and Administration Integrity: Documents detailing how the integrity of consumer compensation is maintained within the ABI Waiver Program, including measures to prevent misuse or misallocation of funds.
 - a. See 2.-a.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:13 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: 11.15.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. | Consumer Compensation ABI Waiver Program

Importance: High

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11/15/2023

Appeal Subject: Follow-Up on Formal Complaint Records and Freedom of Information Act Request - ABI Waiver Program and Supported Living Group.

Dear Connecticut FOIA Officer

I am writing to follow up on a formal complaint submitted on September 20, 2023, regarding employment concerns at the Supported Living Group (SLG) within the ABI Waiver Program. This complaint was addressed to the DSS Commissioner and Amy Dumont, DSS Chief Operating Officer. Despite the electronic confirmation of delivery, there has been no acknowledgment or response to this serious matter.

Given the lack of response and the gravity of the concerns raised, I am invoking the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act § 1-200 to request the following information:

1. Records of Complaints and Actions Taken: Documentation regarding the receipt and subsequent actions taken in response to the complaint filed on September 20, 2023, concerning the Supported Living Group.
2. Compensation Details for ABI Waiver Program Consumers:
3. Nature and structure of compensation provided to consumers for services at SLG.
4. Amounts, frequency, and criteria of compensation.
5. Funding sources and any limitations or conditions attached.
6. Documentation of consumer agreements or contracts relating to compensation.
7. Investigations and Audits: Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits related to consumer payment or compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, specifically regarding the Supported Living Group, including outcomes of these inquiries.
8. Policies and Regulations: Any guidelines, policies, or regulations governing consumer compensation within the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to services provided by the Supported Living Group.
9. Safeguards and Administration Integrity: Documents detailing how the integrity of consumer compensation is maintained within the ABI Waiver Program, including measures to prevent misuse or misallocation of funds.

I require these records in an accessible electronic format due to my disability. If some documents are exempt from disclosure, please provide a Vaughn index detailing the reasons for such exemption.

Your prompt attention to this matter is crucial for ensuring the welfare and fair treatment of ABI Waiver Program consumers. I trust that the Department of Social Services will address these concerns with the urgency and professionalism they warrant.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources LLC
860 942-0365
AabiWR@live.com

Re: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1) Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Tue 11/21/2023 3:50 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <foi@ct.gov>

Bcc: ABI RESOURCES LLC www.CTbrainINJURY.com <AABIWR@live.com>

11/21/2023

Subject: Legal Appeal Concerning Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear CT DSS FOIA officer,

Pursuant to Section 1-206(b) of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, I hereby submit a formal appeal regarding the response to my FOIA request dated November 19, 2023. This request was directed to the relevant Connecticut State Departments for information pertaining to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2.

The response from the Department of Social Services FOIA Officer, asserted the non-existence of the requested documents, except for the ongoing verification of service and intervention plans. This reply appears inconsistent with statutory requirements under Section 1-210(a) of the CT FOIA, which obligates the disclosure of public records unless explicitly exempted.

Basis for Belief in Record Existence:

Given the statutory requirements under the Medicaid program and state regulations governing ABI Waiver Programs, it is reasonable to expect that documents such as grievances, complaints, financial audits, policies, and service plans are regularly maintained and monitored. The absence of such records would not only be atypical but potentially indicative of non-compliance with state and federal regulatory standards.

Legal Grounds for Appeal:

Public Records Definition: Section 1-200(5) of the CT FOIA defines public records in broad terms, encompassing the categories of documents I have requested.

Mandatory Disclosure: Section 1-210(a) mandates the disclosure of all public records unless they fall under specific exemptions delineated in Section 1-210(b).

Disability Accommodation: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), my request for electronic format records is not only reasonable but required to ensure equal access.

Public Interest Considerations:

The requested information is vital to assess the effectiveness, integrity, and legal compliance of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs. Transparency in these matters directly impacts public health and welfare, thereby serving a significant public interest.

Request for Exemption Justification:

In accordance with Section 1-210(b), should you assert that any portion of the requested documents is exempt from disclosure, I request a detailed justification for each exemption claimed, including the precise statutory language relied upon.

I trust that this appeal will prompt a re-evaluation of my FOIA request and the subsequent release of the records in question. As required by Section 1-206(b)(1) of the CT FOIA,

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:04 PM**To:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <foi@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1) Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

In regard to your request below, the Division of Financial Services does not have any of the requested documents. The only portion of this request we are still verifying is below:

1. All service and intervention plans related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut.

Thanks,

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 6:23 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1) Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2
Importance: High

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Dear CT DSS Officer Mr. Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager with the Department of Social Services,

I hope this message finds you well. I appreciate your dedication to managing the FOIA requests and acknowledge the significant workload that 26 requests since 9/26/2023 represent, especially with the limited staffing resources.

I understand that my situation as a TBI and stroke survivor necessitates certain accommodations, and I'm grateful for the Department's efforts to provide these. I want to ensure that my requests are not perceived as burdensome but rather as a pursuit of necessary information in compliance with FOIA guidelines.

In the spirit of constructive collaboration and understanding the constraints under which the Department operates, I would like to propose the following:

1. Prioritization: If possible, could we prioritize the requests based on urgency or relevance? This might streamline the process and ease the workload on your end.
2. Regular Updates: Periodic updates on the status of the requests would be highly appreciated. This would help in managing expectations and planning accordingly.
3. Feedback Mechanism: If any part of my requests is unclear or overly broad, I welcome your feedback for clarification or refinement.
4. Accommodations Acknowledgement: I assure you that my requests for accommodations are made in good faith, aimed at ensuring equal access to information. Any assistance in this regard is greatly valued.
5. Constructive Dialogue: I am open to any suggestions or advice from your end on how to make this process smoother for both parties.

I am committed to working cooperatively and ensuring that our communications remain respectful and productive. Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. I look forward to your response and positive engagements.

Warm regards,
 David Medeiros
 ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:26 PM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1) Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Department of Social Services currently has only one FOIA officer who has been continuously working on the **26 FOI requests** you have submitted since 9/26/2023. His information has been shared with you previously as a part of an official request and in regular email correspondence. His information again is as follows:
 - Giovanni Pinto – Communications Manager with the Department of Social Services
- Please also find highlighted portions of your request below that include information, documents, and records that have already been requested, and/or have already been completed

Thank you,

FOIA Officer
 Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2023 8:50 AM
To: FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: 11.19.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 (BINDER 1) Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2
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11/19/2023

Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern at Relevant Connecticut State Departments:

I am writing to request records under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act. This request concerns documents and information related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2, specifically targeting grievances, complaints, and associated government response records or investigations within the state of Connecticut. Binder 1 is included in this FOIA record request.

Specifically, I am requesting records:

All Documents and Correspondence:

1. Any and all documents, emails, memos, and correspondences related to grievances and complaints concerning the Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut. – already requested and being finalized with your 10/23/2023 request

Financial Audits and Reviews:

2. Complete financial audits, reviews, and any related documents concerning these programs, focusing on financial integrity and potential irregularities.

Policies and Procedures:

3. Copies of all current and past policies, procedures, and guidelines governing the operation of Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 in Connecticut, particularly regarding care management and provider selection. – already provided to you on 11/14/2023 @ 10:37 AM

Provider Directories and Information:

2. The most recent and any past versions of provider directories for these programs, including any information previously not disclosed publicly. – already requested and being finalized with your 11/13/2023 request

Service and Intervention Plans:

1. All service and intervention plans related to Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut.

Investigation Reports and Findings:

1. Any reports, findings, or documents resulting from investigations conducted in relation to these programs within Connecticut. – The Department does not have any records pertaining to this portion of the request

Communication Records:

3. Records of all communications regarding Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2, specifically relating to filed grievances and complaints within Connecticut. – already requested and being finalized with your 10/23/2023 request and your 9/26/2023 request, which pinged over 18,000 emails and has been explained would take over a year to complete

Reference to Attached Documents:

1. Please refer to the attached documents for specific instances and details relevant to and for this request of all related records.

Rationale for Request:

1. This information is requested in the public interest to understand the operation, management, and legality of services provided under Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2 within Connecticut, and to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards.

Disability Accommodation Request:

1. Due to a disability, I request that the information be provided in an electronic format to facilitate accessibility.

Contact Information for FOIA Officer:

1. For effective communication, please provide the name and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request in your department.

Anticipated Exemptions:

Should any part of the requested documents be exempt from disclosure, I seek a comprehensive written explanation for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. I request that only the exempted portions be redacted, maintaining the integrity of the remaining document.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or via email.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Allied Community Resources ACR

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 2:51 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:04 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Allied Community Resources ACR**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [Allied Community Resources ACR](#)Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU
Office of the Commissioner
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to [Allied Community Resources](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

1) Specifically, I am interested in obtaining financial data detailing the services billed for and the annual disbursements for each of the following years and to the present current date:

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2) Please provide any documents, records, reports, or other relevant information that pertains to the payments made for the specified years. This information could include, but is not limited to, financial statements, invoices, payment logs, contracts, and any other documents that outline the financial transactions between the agency and Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs.

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5) Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

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12/1/23, 6:36 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Community Care CCC

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 2:53 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:05 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Community Care CCC**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [Connecticut Community Care CCC](#)

Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU

Office of the Commissioner

55 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to [Connecticut Community Care CCC](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

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12/1/23, 6:35 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. CT Community Options Unit COU

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 2:56 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:05 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. CT Community Options Unit COU**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [CT Community Options Unit COU](#)

Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU

Office of the Commissioner

55 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to [CT Community Options Unit COU](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

1) Specifically, I am interested in obtaining financial data detailing the services billed for and the annual disbursements for each of the following years:

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12/1/23, 6:34 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Employment Options EO

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 2:59 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:07 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Employment Options EO**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [Employment Options EO](#)

Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU

Office of the Commissioner

55 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to [Employment Options EO](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

1) Specifically, I am interested in obtaining financial data detailing the services billed for and the annual disbursements for each of the following years:

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12/1/23, 6:33 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Goodwill

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 2:58 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:06 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Goodwill**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [Goodwill](#)Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS and Community Options Unit COU
Office of the Commissioner
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding the total payments made to [Goodwill](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

1) Specifically, I am interested in obtaining financial data detailing the services billed for and the annual disbursements for each of the following years:

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2) Please provide any documents, records, reports, or other relevant information that pertains to the payments made for the specified years. This information could include, but is not limited to, financial statements, invoices, payment logs, contracts, and any other documents that outline the financial transactions between the agency and Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs.

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Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: Connecticut Community Care Referrals | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.23.2023

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 1:34 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
 Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

1 attachments (14 MB)

ABI Waiver Complaint.zip;

David –

As I clarified in one of four of your 11/20/2023 requests, you have had multiple requests with the same ask for complaint records. I have compiled all complaint records requested and have included them in the attached ZIP file.

For reference, all 33 complaints we have received/are included in the ZIP file, are from you.

Following this response, I will consider this request completed within the Department of Social Services as the final portion is included in your 9/26/2023 request, which I have explained will take over a year to complete.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
 Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 10:34 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Connecticut Community Care Referrals | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.23.2023

David –

Please find updates in red, and portions of this request completed and highlighted below:

1. All records, communications, and documents pertaining to Connecticut Community Care's referral practices under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program from January 1, 2019, to the present date. Still working on this portion. As explained in the initial response on 10/23/2023, this is anticipated to take over a year to complete due to the volume and complexity of your additional requests.
2. Documentation of any payments, incentives, or benefits provided to consumers by the Supported Living Group as a result of their participation in services under the ABI Waiver Program. This does not occur, so this information does not exist.
3. Policies, guidelines, or internal memos detailing the criteria and process for Connecticut Community Care's referrals to the Supported Living Group under the ABI Waiver Program. The Department of Social Services does not have any record of this form of documentation.
4. Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices or the Supported Living Group's incentive programs related to the ABI Waiver Program. Still working to verify and compile this information.
5. Correspondence between the State of Connecticut and Connecticut Community Care or the Supported Living Group regarding the ABI Waiver Program, referrals, and consumer incentives. This has not occurred, so this information does not exist.
6. Any evaluations, reports, or studies conducted by or on behalf of the State of Connecticut concerning the effectiveness, integrity, and compliance of the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to referrals and consumer incentives. I Please find the attached DSS HCBS CAHPS De-Identified annual reports from UCONN. This is the only report we do that includes ABI information. Because no specific dates were requested, I have included the annual reports for 2022 & 2023. (See Attached)

FOIA Officer
 Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:46 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Connecticut Community Care Referrals | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.23.2023

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

PLEASE NOTE* This request, in addition to your other pending requests is anticipated to take over a year to complete due to the volume and complexity of information requested. I appreciate your patience.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:40 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>; Dinnall, Janice <Janice.P.Dinnall@ct.gov>

Subject: Connecticut Community Care Referrals | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.23.2023

Importance: High

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and Connecticut Community Care Referrals

Connecticut Department of Social Services
Office of Legal Affairs, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq. I am seeking information related to the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, specifically concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices and any potential financial incentives provided to consumers for participating in services offered by the Supported Living Group.

Please provide the following information:

All records, communications, and documents pertaining to Connecticut Community Care's referral practices under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program from January 1, 2019, to the present date.

Any contracts, agreements, or MOUs between Connecticut Community Care and the Supported Living Group related to the ABI Waiver Program, including details on financial arrangements and incentives.

Documentation of any payments, incentives, or benefits provided to consumers by the Supported Living Group as a result of their participation in services under the ABI Waiver Program.

Policies, guidelines, or internal memos detailing the criteria and process for Connecticut Community Care's referrals to the Supported Living Group under the ABI Waiver Program.

Records of any complaints, investigations, or audits concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices or the Supported Living Group's incentive programs related to the ABI Waiver Program.

Correspondence between the State of Connecticut and Connecticut Community Care or the Supported Living Group regarding the ABI Waiver Program, referrals, and consumer incentives.

Any evaluations, reports, or studies conducted by or on behalf of the State of Connecticut concerning the effectiveness, integrity, and compliance of the ABI Waiver Program, particularly in relation to referrals and consumer incentives.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.

I kindly request accommodations due to my disability. To facilitate my accessibility and participation, I would greatly appreciate the use of electronic records. Your support in this matter is highly valued.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Tue 11/21/2023 1:01 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

1 attachments (576 KB)

ABI Directory - Statewide.pdf;

David –

Please find the Provider Directory attached.

We are still working to see if we can compile the requested “Statistical Data” within this request.

Thanks,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:27 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

David –

Apologies for any confusion, yes these are the contacts we have, I am just waiting for a response as Ms. Giannelli and Ms. Flag are out of the office.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 11:05 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

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These are the appropriate Allied Community Resources contacts. It is concerning that DSS does not have this information.

Valerie Giannelli vgiannelli@alliedgroup.org

Nicole Simmons nsimmons@alliedgroup.org

Marihonor Flag mflagg@alliedgoup.org

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:51 AM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

David –

I reached back out to Allied today to get this information. Unfortunately, I was directed to submit a formal “Information Request Form” through their web portal, which projects a 5 to 8 day turnaround. I am working to get a more direct contact with Allied now to hopefully expedite this request.

Thank you for your patience.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 6:25 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: Re: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023
Importance: High

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11/15/2023 Appeal

In response, regarding my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the DSS Medicaid ABI Waiver program directory of providers, specifically addressing portions a) & g) of my request.

While I appreciate the efforts made by the Department to contact Allied Community Resources for verification of the directory, it is important to emphasize that the requested directory is a matter of public interest and should be accessible under the FOIA. The FOIA is designed to ensure transparency and access to public records, which includes records maintained or monitored by government agencies.

Your response indicates that Allied Community Resources maintains such a directory but does not distribute it. As this directory is managed and monitored by DSS, it falls within the scope of documents that should be available under FOIA. The assertion that the department does not have access to any documentation or records that include this directory seems incongruent with the nature of the DSS's oversight and management responsibilities.

Therefore, I formally appeal the decision of the Department on the following grounds:

1. Public Interest: The directory in question is a vital resource for individuals and families seeking information about qualified providers under the DSS Medicaid ABI Waiver program. Its availability is crucial for ensuring informed decision-making and access to necessary services.
2. Agency Oversight: As the DSS oversees and monitors the ABI Waiver program, it is reasonable to expect that the Department would have, or could easily obtain, access to such an essential directory maintained by Allied Community Resources.
3. Transparency and Accountability: Withholding this directory contradicts the principles of transparency and accountability that are foundational to public service and the FOIA.

In light of these considerations, I respectfully request that the Department reevaluate its position and provide access to the ABI Waiver program directory of providers. Additionally, I seek clarification on why this directory is not readily available and any reasons for its restricted distribution.

Again and additionally;

g) related to records of public accessibility and procedure.

I am specifically seeking records pertaining to the directory maintained by your department, with a focus on its creation, maintenance, presentation to consumers, and accessibility to the public. This request stems from a concern regarding the apparent lack of visibility and utilization of this directory. For clarity and completeness, I am requesting the following records:

Records on the Creation of the Directory:

4. Documents detailing who is responsible for creating the directory.
5. Records outlining the guidelines or criteria used during its creation.
6. Documentation identifying the specific department or team tasked with this responsibility.

Records on the Maintenance of the Directory:

1. Documents specifying who is in charge of maintaining and updating the directory.
2. Records indicating the frequency and procedures for updates.
3. Documentation related to the measures in place to ensure accuracy and relevance of the information in the directory.

Records on Presentation to Consumers:

1. Documents describing how the directory is presented to consumers.
2. Records of the formats or platforms used (e.g., online portal, printed material).
3. Any user feedback or evaluations that assess the user-friendliness and navigability of the directory.

Records on Public Access:

1. Documents illustrating how the public can access this directory.
2. Records of any restrictions or prerequisites for accessing the directory.
3. Documentation on any efforts made to promote or advertise the directory to the public.

Records on Transparency and Accountability:

1. Documents pertaining to measures ensuring transparency in the management of the directory.
2. Records on public notifications or announcements about the directory's existence and utility.

The provision of these records is crucial in evaluating the effectiveness of the directory as a public resource. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated, and I trust that your department will expediently facilitate the provision of these records in compliance with FOIA guidelines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a timely response and am hopeful for a positive resolution.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:53 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

David –

Thank you for your response.

Pertaining to portions a) & g) of your request, the Department of Social Services does not have access to any documentation or records that include a Directory of Qualified Providers. This type of directory and subsequent procedures are maintained by Allied Community Resources. I provided the 2-1-1 map as a means of assisting even though we do not have access to your requested information. It does not fall under the purview of FOIA to create such a document if one does not already exist within the agency.

As I continue to ensure that DSS provides you with accurate and transparent information, I contacted Allied to obtain verification of such a maintained directory. Allied confirmed that they do have such a directory, but that they do not send it out. If your hope is to get added to such list, Allied confirmed that you can [reach out to them here](#), fill out an application, and they will review the submission.

For record retention and tracking on my end, DSS considers all portions of this request, except for d), completed.

Thank you for your patience as we work to compile the additional requested data,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:02 PM

To: FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Subject: Fw: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

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From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:11 PM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Cc: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>

Subject: Re: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am writing in response to your correspondence, regarding my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request concerning the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. I appreciate your efforts in addressing some of the items listed in my request. However, I would like to bring to your attention a significant discrepancy that requires immediate rectification.

a) Directory of Qualified Providers:

In your response, you referred me to the 2-1-1 interactive map for the Directory of Qualified Providers. I must clarify that this reference does not fulfill the specific request made as 2-1-1 is not the Directory of Qualified Providers. The information provided via the interactive map does not constitute a formal directory and lacks comprehensive details found in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Directory of Qualified Providers, such as full contact information, qualifications, and specific services offered by each provider.

Therefore, I reiterate my request for an official, documented Directory of Qualified Providers related to the ABI Waiver Program. This directory should include detailed information about each provider, their qualifications, contact information, and services offered, as initially requested. Additionally, there is an agency provider list and a private provider list, I am requesting both.

Moreover, I request that this information be provided in a document format, rather than a web link, to ensure a comprehensive and accessible review.

Providing accurate and complete information is essential for transparency and effective public oversight of the ABI Waiver Program.

In light of your query for clarification regarding item **g) related to records of public accessibility and procedure**.

I am specifically seeking records pertaining to the directory maintained by your department, with a focus on its creation, maintenance, presentation to consumers, and accessibility to the public. This request stems from a concern regarding the apparent lack of visibility and utilization of this directory. For clarity and completeness, I am requesting the following records:

Records on the Creation of the Directory:

1. Documents detailing who is responsible for creating the directory.
2. Records outlining the guidelines or criteria used during its creation.
3. Documentation identifying the specific department or team tasked with this responsibility.

Records on the Maintenance of the Directory:

1. Documents specifying who is in charge of maintaining and updating the directory.
2. Records indicating the frequency and procedures for updates.
3. Documentation related to the measures in place to ensure accuracy and relevance of the information in the directory.

Records on Presentation to Consumers:

1. Documents describing how the directory is presented to consumers.
2. Records of the formats or platforms used (e.g., online portal, printed material).
3. Any user feedback or evaluations that assess the user-friendliness and navigability of the directory.

Records on Public Access:

1. Documents illustrating how the public can access this directory.
2. Records of any restrictions or prerequisites for accessing the directory.
3. Documentation on any efforts made to promote or advertise the directory to the public.

Records on Transparency and Accountability:

1. Documents pertaining to measures ensuring transparency in the management of the directory.
2. Records on public notifications or announcements about the directory's existence and utility.

The provision of these records is crucial in evaluating the effectiveness of the directory as a public resource. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated, and I trust that your department will expediently facilitate the provision of these records in compliance with FOIA guidelines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 10:37 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

David –

Please find the attached Policy information as a portion of this request, an explanation of having only a portion of the requested documents, and my second attempted follow-up question in red. **All completed fields will be highlighted.**

a) The Directory of Qualified Providers. – You can find the list on the [2-1-1 interactive map here](#).

b) Process and Criteria Documentation: All documents outlining the criteria and processes used to establish provider qualifications for the ABI Waiver Program, including how providers are vetted and approved. – Allied does the enrollment and credentialing, so this would need to be requested through them. Provider qualifications are specified in the waiver document itself, which is developed by DSS and approved by the legislature and then CMS. You can find that on the [CMS Web Portal](#) and downloading the "Approved Application" ZIP File.

c) Provider Directory: Any current directories or lists of qualified providers for the ABI Waiver Program, including contact information and services offered. – Included in a)

d) Statistical Data: Detailed reports or statistics on the number of individuals currently enrolled in the ABI Waiver Program, including demographics and service types received.

e) Policy Manuals and Guidelines: Copies of policy and procedure manuals or guidelines governing the ABI Waiver Program's administration, including any changes made within the last two years. – See attached.

f) Internal Communications: Relevant internal communications, including emails and meeting notes, discussing the management, policy decisions, or changes related to the ABI Waiver Program. – This is criteria already included in your 9/26/2023 request that is projected to take over a year to complete.

g) Records of the public accessibility and procedure. – I am not sure what you mean by this, can you please elaborate?

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 10:02 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

David –

Please find a response to portions of your request highlighted below and a follow-up question in red.

Thanks,

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 9:49 AM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

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Your request for information has been received.

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
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Subject: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

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11/13/2023

Connecticut Department of Social Services

Office of Legal Affairs, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings

55 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Directory of Qualified Providers

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I am requesting access to and copies of all records and documents maintained by the Connecticut Department of Social Services related to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program.

Specifically, I seek the following information:

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If certain records are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, please provide a Vaughn index, as per Vaughn v. Rosen (484 F.2d 820, D.C. Cir. 1973), detailing each exempt document and the specific FOIA exemption applied.

Due to my disability, I request that the information be provided in an accessible electronic format. This accommodation is essential for my accessibility and participation.

12/1/23, 6:38 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your prompt response within the statutory 20-business-day period.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

RE: ** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively)

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Mon 11/20/2023 4:07 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2023 6:58 AM

To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: ** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively)

Importance: High

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11/19/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – **Cognitive Behavioral Services Behavior Analysts in Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively)**

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) to obtain records specifically related to Cognitive Behavioral Services and the integration of **Behavior Analysts** under the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program 1. This request is exclusively for information related to Waiver Program 1 and should not include information pertaining to Waiver Program 2 or any other programs.

Specific Records Requested:

Integration and Approval Records (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. Documents confirming the approval for the inclusion of Behavior Analysts in providing Cognitive Behavioral Services under Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1.
2. State or federal records indicating when this integration was officially approved and implemented in Waiver Program 1.

Operational and Implementation Records (Waiver 1 Only):

1. Records detailing the initiation and operational framework for Behavior Analysts providing Cognitive Behavioral Services under Waiver Program 1.
2. Agreements, protocols, or guidelines specifically related to the role of Behavior Analysts in Waiver Program 1.

Financial Records (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. Detailed financial statements or invoices showing payments made to Behavior Analysts for providing Cognitive Behavioral Services under Waiver Program 1.
2. Audit reports or financial analyses pertaining exclusively to the expenditure on Cognitive Behavioral Services in Waiver Program 1.

Recorded Time Frame (**Waiver 1 Only**):

This request encompasses the period from the integration of Behavior Analysts in providing Cognitive Behavioral Services under Waiver Program 1 up to the current date.

Explicit Exclusion of Waiver Program 2:

To emphasize, this request is strictly for information regarding Waiver Program 1.

12/1/23, 6:39 AM

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I assert that the requested information is not protected from disclosure under the Connecticut FOIA, as it is essential for public understanding and does not fall under privileged or confidential categories.

In case any part of the requested documents is exempt from disclosure, I request a detailed written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption, and ask for only the exempted portions to be redacted, keeping the rest of the document intact. In the event of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a written explanation, specifying the exact statutory exemptions that justify the denial.

For accessibility reasons due to my disability, I request the provision of electronic records. Your assistance in this matter is highly appreciated.

Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

For effective accommodation communications, I respectfully request the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request. This will facilitate any necessary follow-up communication regarding this FOIA request. Please include this information in your response to this request, rather than through a separate communication.

Thank you for your attention and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively) Care Managment Consultation Services

DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Mon 11/20/2023 4:03 PM

To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

David –

Your request for information has been received.

The Department will respond in accordance with the requirements of the CT FOIA.

If there are any costs associated with complying with your request, an estimate will be provided to you before the records are compiled and provided to you.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Sunday, November 19, 2023 6:08 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively) Care Managment Consultation Services**Importance:** High**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

11/19/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Care Management Consultation Services in Medicaid **ABI Waiver Program 1 (Exclusively)**

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) to obtain information specifically related to Care Management Consultation Services under the **Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program 1**. Please note that this request is exclusively for information related to Waiver Program 1 and should not include information pertaining to Waiver Program 2 or any other programs.

Specific Records Requested:

Legality and Authorization (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. Documents confirming the permissibility of delegating Care Management Consultation Services to an external entity, such as Connecticut Community Care (CCC), under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program 1 only.
2. State or federal records of approvals specifically for Waiver Program 1 related to this delegation.

Initiation and Implementation Records (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. Records showing the initiation of CCC's involvement in providing Care Management Consultation Services under Waiver Program 1 only.
2. Agreements or contracts specific to Waiver Program 1 facilitating this service provision.

Financial Records (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. Detailed financial statements / invoices showing payments to CCC for Care Management Consultation Services under Waiver Program 1 only.
2. Audit reports or financial analyses related exclusively to Waiver Program 1.

Recorded Time Frame (**Waiver 1 Only**):

1. This request covers the period from the beginning of CCC's provision of these services under Waiver Program 1 up to the current date.

Explicit Exclusion of Waiver Program 2:

1. To reiterate, this request is solely for information regarding Waiver Program 1.

12/1/23, 6:40 AM

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I kindly request accommodations due to my disability. To facilitate my accessibility and participation, I would greatly appreciate the use of electronic records. Your support in this matter is highly valued.

Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

In the interest of accommodations for clear and direct communication, I respectfully request the name and title of the specific FOIA officer who will be handling this request. This information will greatly assist in facilitating any necessary follow-up communication regarding this FOIA request. Please provide the accommodation of this information within the response to this particular request, and not through a separate communication chain or thread.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
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<https://www.CTbrainINJURY.com>

Date: 12/17/2023

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) to request access to and copies of all detailed records of communications and interactions between various state and federal officials, including but not limited to all records, reports, documents, and communications concerning but not limited to:

Disability civil rights grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints or retaliation, and resolution outcomes, Medicaid federal funding, and FOIA freedom of information requests both state and federal, as well as tips and watchdog submissions reports.

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Date: November 21, 2023

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As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

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Submission ID: 991636

Success!

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You'll hear back from the agency confirming receipt in the coming weeks using the contact information you provided. If you have questions about your request, feel free to reach out to the agency FOIA personnel using the information provided below.

Contact the agency

 Joseph Tripline, Acting FOIA Officer

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 FOIA Requester Service Center 

410-786-5353

 Joseph Tripline, FOIA Public Liaison 

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 Joseph Tripline, Acting FOIA Officer, Central Building Room C5-11-06

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Request summary

Request submitted on **December 18, 2023**.

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Your request

12.18.2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request for CMS HHS records. Dear Freedom of Information Officer, Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request detailed records related to the stop of companion authorizations within the Connecticut Departments of Social Services systems for consumers under the Medicaid ABI Waiver program after December 31st, 2023 serviced by ABI Resources. This request specifically seeks to uncover: Records of the decision-making process and rationale. Records of the individuals and departments involved in this decision. Records of the timeline of events leading to this decision. Records of directives or communications instructing the implementation of this change. Records of corrective actions and resolutions. Expedited Processing Request: In light of the legal case David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing as this information is urgently needed for public knowledge on this significant matter. Format of Records: Due to my disability, please provide all records in an accessible electronic format, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Unique Nature of Request: This request is unique due to its comprehensive scope and relevance to ongoing public and legal discussions. Contact Information of FOIA Officer: Please provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for handling this request. If any part of this request is denied, I request that you cite the specific exemptions and provide appeal procedures under the law. Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent and significant matter.

Additional information



12.17.2023 Binder Comprehensive FOIA Request for Records on Disability Rights and Whistleblower Protections .pdf

Fees

Fee waiver

no

Request expedited processing**Expedited processing**

yes

Justification for expedited processing

• The legal case of David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220.' • Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365 These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of disability rights and whistleblower protections.

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Your request

12.21.2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Related to Dr. Cherron Payne and Associated Connecticut Matters Dear Freedom of Information Officer, I am writing to request all records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) pertaining to communications, complaints, whistleblower retaliations, and disability discrimination involving any employee of the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) and representatives of the Department of Social Services (DSS) in relation to Dr. Cherron Payne of Farmington, Connecticut. This request is specifically directed towards her role as an administrative law judge and chief human rights referee for the CHRO, as appointed by Governor Ned Lamont. Nature of Request: This FOIA request seeks to uncover communications records relevant to a whistleblower complaint addressing systemic injustice, particularly concerning disability discrimination and whistleblower retaliation. Expedited Processing Request: Given the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing of this FOIA. The information is urgently required for public knowledge and understanding of this significant matter. Format of Records: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), I request that all records be provided in an accessible electronic format. Unique Nature of Request: This request is of a comprehensive scope and is particularly significant due to its relevance to ongoing public and legal discussions. It is imperative that these records are disclosed to ensure transparency and accountability in public service. Contact Information Request: Please provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for the processing of this request. Appeal Procedures: If any part of this request is denied, I kindly ask that you cite the specific FOIA exemptions applied and provide detailed appeal procedures as per the law. Conclusion: I appreciate your prompt attention to this urgent and significant matter. The disclosure of these records is essential for maintaining public trust and ensuring justice in our legal and civil rights systems. David Medeiros ABI Resources Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider.

Fees

Fee waiver

no

Request expedited processing

Expedited processing

yes

Justification for expedited processing

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Your request

12.21.2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Urgent FOIA Request for Records: David Medeiros & ABI Resources - Legal Case and Public Interest Matters Dear Freedom of Information Officer, I, David Medeiros, in my capacity as the founder and owner of ABI Resources and as an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor, hereby submit this request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). 1. Description of Records: I request a comprehensive list and copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests submitted by myself, David Medeiros, and/or ABI Resources to any department of the government. I am requesting expedited processing of the records for my FOIA requests based on the criteria set forth in the FOIA guidelines, which allow for such processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need.

a. Compelling Need for Urgency: This request is directly related to the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220. The timely processing of this request is crucial as the information sought is urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings that are of immediate public interest. This case holds significant implications for civil rights, disability advocacy, and whistleblower protections – matters that are of acute public concern.

b. Public Interest: The information requested is not just for my personal use but is intended to inform public understanding of operations or activities of the government, particularly in the areas of civil rights, disability support, and whistleblower retaliation law. As a public figure in these domains and a business owner providing disability support services, the information will assist in my advocacy efforts and contribute to the public's understanding of government actions in these critical areas.

c. Personal Circumstances: Additionally, my personal circumstances as an individual living with a brain injury and a stroke survivor underscore the urgency of this request. The information sought is vital for my ongoing advocacy and legal efforts, directly impacting my ability to effectively operate within these realms. Given these factors, I respectfully request that this FOIA request be processed on an expedited basis. The urgency and public interest involved justify this request for

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Fees

Fee waiver
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Expedited processing
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