

Urgent Request for Resolution: Persistent Issues within Medicaid ABI Waiver and MFP Programs

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Urgent Request for Resolution: Persistent Issues within Medicaid ABI Waiver and MFP Programs

Dear Officials of the Connecticut Department of Social Services,

I hope this correspondence finds you in good health and spirits. I am David Medeiros, a representative of ABI Resources, an approved agency provider within the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. In addition to my professional role, I have personal experience as a survivor of brain injury and stroke. This dual perspective motivates me to urgently bring forth significant concerns and challenges that seem to have been systematically overlooked or potentially disregarded by the Department of Social Services (DSS). I have witnessed the evolution of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program from its inception, experiencing firsthand its developments and, regrettably, its ongoing challenges. The program has long operated without the necessary structured policies and procedures, leading to minimal management of standards of care and considerable distress for consumers.

I, together with ABI Resources, have unfortunately faced multiple instances requiring us to notify DSS and COU about grave safety issues, mismanagement of consumer programs, considerable challenges, and ensuing concerns. It is distressing to acknowledge that our earnest appeals for resolution and proper treatment of our consumers, especially those within the federally funded Medicaid ABI Waiver and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) programs, seem to be either inadequately addressed or outright ignored.

The origin of these issues remains ambiguous--whether they are a result of miscommunication, preplanned or intentional withholding of information, or whether they are indicative of broader structural issues within DSS contributing to the recurring complications. Hence, we formally urge Connecticut DSS to facilitate transparent communication among its various departments, associated governmental authorities, and resources. Establishing such open dialogues is imperative for ensuring justice and essential support to the disabled population dependent on Medicaid ABI Waiver Program services. It is critical that the concerns of consumers and ABI Resources are properly recognized, resolved, and preventive measures are instituted to avert future occurrences.

Our attempts at communication, notably with Commissioner and COU's Ms. Amy Dumont, have regrettably been unsuccessful, potentially owing to the severity and complexity of the highlighted issues requiring substantial resources to address. ABI Resources and I extend our unwavering cooperation and support to DSS, committed to addressing these significant challenges and ensuring that resolutions are not merely identified but are effectively enacted to prevent the repetition of historical, consistent challenges.

We earnestly request the department to allocate the necessary resources to ensure the welfare and protection of the consumers of the ABI Waiver program. A comprehensive review of our previous communications to Commissioner and COU Ms. Amy Dumont is crucial, and we anticipate a cooperative initiative to develop enduring solutions to these critical concerns.

ABI Resources and I stand ready to meet at your earliest convenience to deliberate on these matters in detail and expedite the resolution process, safeguarding the well-being of those we serve. Please inform us of a convenient time for you or the suitable representative, and we will make the necessary arrangements.

We sincerely hope for your understanding, immediate attention, and decisive action on this crucial matter to uphold the rights, dignity, and safety of the consumers under our purview.

We thank you for your time, consideration, and anticipated cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

Provider Name	RA Date	RA Amount
THE SUPPORTED LIVING GR	07-Oct-16	139,893.34
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THE SUPPORTED LIVING GR	07-Oct-23	676,334.81
THE SUPPORTED LIVING GR	21-Oct-23	620,792.10

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**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.

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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**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

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



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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

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

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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



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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.
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David Medeiros
ABI Resources LLC
860 942-0365
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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
Importance: High

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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>

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Your request for information has been received.

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

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

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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.

3) If any part of my request is denied, please provide a written explanation of the specific exemptions under which the information is withheld.

4) 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.

5) Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

6) For effective communication, I respectfully request records of the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request. This will assist in any necessary follow-up communication regarding this FOIA request.

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>

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. 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:

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, 6:35 AM

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Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

Re: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

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

Tue 11/21/2023 3:30 PM

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

Subject: Formal Appeal Regarding FOIA Request Denial (Request ID: [Your Request ID], Dated 11/21/2023)

Dear FOIA Appeals Officer,

I am writing to formally appeal the decision of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) to deny my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (Request ID: [Your Request ID]) dated November 21, 2023. This appeal is filed under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., and relevant federal statutes, specifically 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Grounds for Appeal:

- Inadequacy of Record Search (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(a)): The response from DSS suggests that a thorough search for the requested records was not conducted. Given the comprehensive nature of the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs, it is unlikely that no relevant financial records exist. I request a detailed description of the search process conducted, including the specific departments and databases queried, to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements for a reasonable search.
- Public Interest and Transparency (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8)): The requested records pertain to the allocation and expenditure of public funds in a significant state program. Disclosure of such information is vital to promote transparency, enabling public oversight and accountability of government actions.
- Disability Accommodation (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act): As previously mentioned, due to my disability, I require the provision of records in an electronic format. This accommodation is mandated under the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure equal access to public information.
- Refusal Grounds and Specific Exemptions (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(b)): If the denial is based on specific statutory exemptions, I request a comprehensive explanation of how each exemption applies to the requested records. This detail is necessary to assess the appropriateness of the exemptions used and to ensure the decision aligns with the legal standards set forth in the FOIA.

Relief Sought:

I hereby request that the DSS conducts a re-evaluation of my FOIA request, ensuring a thorough and adequate search for the requested records. If any part of the records is withheld, I request a detailed justification for each redaction or exclusion, citing the specific statutory basis.

Conclusion:

This appeal seeks to uphold the principles of governmental transparency and accountability as enshrined in the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act and relevant federal laws. A prompt and favorable resolution to this appeal would affirm these principles.

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-206,

Thank you for your prompt and thorough attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:17 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

David –

DSS does not have any of the requested records.

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: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 2:55 PM**To:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

David –

Your request for information has been received.

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

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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 Department of Social Services DSS

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - [Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS](#)

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 the [Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS](#) through the Medicaid Connecticut ABI Waiver programs from 2013 to the present day.

Specific Records Requested:

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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 –

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

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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. 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.

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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.

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12/1/23, 6:34 AM

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Sincerely,
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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>

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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

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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>

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

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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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ABI Resources

RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

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

Tue 11/21/2023 3:17 PM

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

David –

DSS does not have any of the requested records.

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 2:55 PM

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

Subject: RE: 11.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

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. Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

Importance: High

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11/21/2023

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA - Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS

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 the Connecticut Department of Social Services DSS 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:

- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019

- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

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.

3) If any part of my request is denied, please provide a written explanation of the specific exemptions under which the information is withheld.

4) 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.

5) Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

6) For effective communication, I respectfully request records of the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request. This will assist in any necessary follow-up communication regarding this FOIA request.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:00 AM

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

David –

Unfortunately, the Department of Social Services only has the capability of searching state email accounts and would not have access to the information below.

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:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 7:15 AM**To:** FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group**Importance:** High

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11.26.2023

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Subject: FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group

I am writing to request access to and copies of all email communications to and from Connecticut Community Care (CCC), a statewide nonprofit receiving federal funds, and The Supported Living Group, under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.

1. This request specifically seeks to obtain all such email communications for the period from 2013 to the present date. The scope of this request includes, but is not limited to, emails between any representatives, employees, or agents of CCC and The Supported Living Group.
2. As per the FOIA guidelines, if any part of the requested documents is exempt from disclosure, please provide a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. Only the exempt portions should be redacted, with the rest of the document left intact.
3. In case of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a detailed written explanation, specifying the statutory exemptions justifying the denial.
4. Disability Accommodation:
5. Due to a disability, I request that the provided records be in an accessible electronic format. This accommodation is essential to ensure my equal access to the requested information.
6. Statement of Uniqueness:
This request is unique and should be treated independently, not combined with any other FOIA requests. It seeks specific information that may not be covered by other requests.
7. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:
8. For effective communication, please provide the name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request.
9. I prefer to receive the requested documents electronically.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

RE: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving State Officials Amy Dumont, Jennifer Cavallaro, Michael Slitt, and Elizabeth Orejuela

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:01 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



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

Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 7:44 AM

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

Subject: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving State Officials Amy Dumont, Jennifer Cavallaro, Michael Slitt, and Elizabeth Orejuela

Importance: High

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11.26.2023

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Subject: FOIA Request for Email Communications Involving State Officials Amy Dumont, Jennifer Cavallaro, Michael Slitt, and Elizabeth Orejuela

I am writing under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to request access to and copies of all email communications between the following state officials:

Amy Dumont (amy.dumont@ct.gov)

Jennifer Cavallaro (jennifer.cavallaro@ct.gov)

Michael Slitt (michael.slitt@ct.gov)

Elizabeth Orejuela (elizabeth.orejuela@ct.gov)

1. This request specifically seeks to obtain all such email communications for the period from 2013 to the present date. The emails of interest involve any exchanges between any combination of these individuals.
2. Compliance with Exemption Standards: I understand that certain types of information may be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. In the event that any part of the requested documents is deemed exempt, please provide a detailed justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. Only the exempted portions should be redacted, with the rest of the document left intact.
3. Accommodation for Disability:
I request that the provided records be in an accessible electronic format due to a disability, as per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and relevant state regulations.
4. Statement of Uniqueness:
6. This request is distinct and should be treated independently, not combined with any other FOIA requests, as it seeks specific information that may not be covered by other requests.
5. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:
8. For effective communication, please provide the name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

Re: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Governor Ned Lamont Oversight Records on Connecticut DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:09 AM

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

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

11.29.2023

Appeal for FOIA Request Dated 11.26.2023

Dear CT FOIA Officer,

I am writing to formally appeal the decision regarding my Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 26, 2023, concerning oversight records on Connecticut's Department of Social Services (DSS) and its Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program.

Response to Previous Correspondence

In your response, you suggested that the Office of the Governor would be the best contact for such a request and considered the request completed within the Department of Social Services. I appreciate this guidance. However, it is crucial to clarify that my initial request was indeed directed to the Office of Governor Ned Lamont, specifically seeking records from this office in relation to CT DSS.

Basis for Appeal

The information sought is of significant public interest as it pertains to the oversight and management of the ABI Waiver Program, a critical service for individuals with acquired brain injuries. The records are essential for understanding how the Department of Social Services is fulfilling its responsibilities and obligations under Section 17b-260a-10 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The oversight and evaluations conducted by the Governor's office are vital for ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration of this program.

Reiteration of Information Requested

I am seeking access to and copies of records from the Governor's office / CT DSS, including but not limited to evaluations, oversight records, reviews, assessments, and reports related to the DSS's administration of the ABI Waiver Program. This request encompasses all pertinent records as detailed in my initial application.

Request for Accessibility

Due to a disability, I reiterate my request for the provision of electronic records. This is essential to ensure accessibility and effective communication.

Action Requested

I kindly request a thorough review of my appeal and a reconsideration of the decision. Should there be any parts of the requested documents exempt from disclosure, I ask for a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, with specific references to the relevant statutory provisions. I expect only the exempt portions to be redacted, leaving the rest of the document intact.

In case of a partial or complete denial of this appeal, I seek a detailed written explanation, specifying the statutory exemptions justifying such a decision.

Conclusion

Your attention to this appeal and commitment to transparency and public accountability are highly valued. I anticipate a positive response and look forward to your prompt action in this regard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

A.B.I. RESOURCES**From:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:56 AM**To:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Governor Ned Lamont Oversight Records on Connecticut DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program

David –

If this information exists, the Office of the Governor would be the best contact for such a request.

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: Sunday, November 26, 2023 6:30 AM

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

Subject: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Governor Ned Lamont Oversight Records on Connecticut DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program

Importance: High

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11.26.2023

FOIA Request for Governor Ned Lamont Oversight Records on Connecticut DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program

Subject: FOIA Request for Oversight Records of Connecticut DSS's ABI Waiver Program

To: Appropriate Office or Contact within Governor Ned Lamont's Administration

Dear Connecticut FOIA Officer ,

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I, David Medeiros, am requesting access to and copies of records from the office of Governor Ned Lamont that pertain to the oversight and evaluation of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) in its administration of the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program.

This request aims to obtain records from Governor Lamont's office that demonstrate or provide insight into how the Connecticut DSS adheres to its responsibilities as detailed under Section 17b-260a-10 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The records of interest include:

1. Governor's Office Evaluations or Reports on DSS Information Dissemination: Records assessing how DSS informs individuals about their options under the ABI waiver program.
2. Governor's Office Oversight Records on DSS's Social Work Services: Documentation or evaluations of DSS's assessments for individuals' eligibility, service plan development, and implementation assistance.
3. Governor's Office Reviews of DSS Service Plan Management: Records of reviews or evaluations pertaining to DSS's service plan reviews, annual reassessments, and record maintenance protocols.
4. Governor's Office Assessment of DSS Advisory on Rights: Documentation of how DSS informs individuals of their rights to administrative hearings.
5. Governor's Office Analysis of DSS Waiting List Procedures: Records detailing the evaluation of the DSS-managed waiting list for individuals ineligible for ABI services.
6. Governor's Office Reports on DSS Provider Management: Assessments or reports regarding DSS's criteria for establishing provider qualifications and maintenance of provider directories.
7. Governor's Office Review of DSS Payment Rate Policies: Documents or evaluations regarding how DSS sets and revises payment rates for services.
8. Governor's Office Records of DSS Service Payments: Records or evaluations of DSS's processes and practices in making payments for ABI waiver services.
9. Governor's Office Analysis of DSS Financial Eligibility Determinations: Evaluations on DSS's procedures for determining individuals' financial eligibility for the program.
10. Governor's Office Overall Oversight Reports on DSS Compliance: Comprehensive reports or evaluations examining DSS's overall compliance, oversight, and quality measures in relation to the ABI waiver program.
11. Should any part of the requested documents be exempt from disclosure, please provide a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. Please redact only the exempted portions, keeping the rest of the document intact.
12. In case of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a written explanation, specifying the statutory exemptions justifying the denial.
13. Due to a disability, I request the provision of electronic records to facilitate accessibility and participation.
14. Please provide the requested documents electronically.
15. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask for justification of all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

12/1/23, 6:25 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.26.2023 Request for Email Records under FOIA: Communications Involving Amy Dumont and Connecticut Community Care Representatives

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

Wed 11/29/2023 9:58 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 7:00 AM**To:** FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.26.2023 Request for Email Records under FOIA: Communications Involving Amy Dumont and Connecticut Community Care Representatives**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.

11.26.2023

Dear Connecticut Freedom of Information Officer,

Subject: Request for Email Records under FOIA: Communications Involving Amy Dumont and Connecticut Community Care Representatives

I am writing to request access to and copies of all email communications to and from Ms. Amy Dumont (amy.dumont@ct.gov) involving any and all Connecticut Community Care representatives: Ronald Sturm (ronald.sturm@ctcommunitycare.org), Erin Kane (erin.kane@ctcommunitycare.org), Danielle Gabor (danielle.gabor@ctcommunitycare.org), and Julia Evans Starr (julia.evans.starr@ctcommunitycare.org).

This request is made under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. I am seeking records for the period from [Specify Start Date] to [Specify End Date].

1. Please note that if any part of the requested documents is exempt from disclosure, I request that you provide a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption.
2. Only the exempted portions of the document should be redacted, keeping the rest of the document intact.
3. In the event of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a written explanation, specifying the statutory exemptions justifying the denial.
4. Due to a disability, I request the provision of electronic records to facilitate accessibility and participation.
5. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information: I respectfully request the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request, along with their contact information.
7. I prefer to receive the requested documents electronically.
8. Please note that this request for information is distinct and should be treated independently. It should not be combined with, or considered as part of, any other Freedom of Information Act requests previously or concurrently submitted by other individuals or entities. I seek specific information that may not be encompassed by other requests. Therefore, I respectfully request that a standard response indicating that this information has been covered in another FOIA request not be used in this case. Each item in my request should be considered on its own merit and in the context of the specific details provided herein.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Directories of PCA Providers - PCA, MFP, and ABI Waiver Programs

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:06 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:47 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Directories of PCA Providers - PCA, MFP, and ABI Waiver Programs**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.

11.28.2023

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Subject: FOIA Request for Directories of PCA Providers - PCA, MFP, and ABI Waiver Programs

Under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., I am requesting access to and copies of the directories of approved private and agency personal care assistants (PCA) for each of the following distinct waiver programs: the PCA Waiver, Money Follows the Person (MFP) Waiver, and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver.

Specifically, I seek the following:

1. Directory for PCA Waiver Approved Providers: A complete listing of all private and agency PCAs approved under the PCA Waiver program, including names, contact information, and any service specializations or areas of focus.
2. Directory for MFP Waiver Approved Providers: A comprehensive directory of approved private and agency PCAs under the MFP Waiver program, detailing names, contact details, and service specialties.
3. Directory for ABI Waiver Approved Providers: An exhaustive list of all approved private and agency PCAs for the ABI Waiver program, with names, contact information, and areas of expertise.
4. It is crucial that each directory is provided separately, clearly delineating the providers associated with each specific waiver program to avoid confusion and to ensure accurate understanding and usage of the information.
5. Compliance with Privacy and Confidentiality Standards:
I recognize the importance of privacy and confidentiality. Should any portion of the requested directories be exempt from disclosure, please provide a detailed justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption, and redact only the exempt portions.
6. Accommodation for Disability:
7. I request that the records be provided in an accessible electronic format, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and relevant state regulations, due to a disability.
7. Statement of Uniqueness:
9. This request is unique and should be treated independently, not combined with any other FOIA requests.
8. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

12/1/23, 6:16 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

11. For effective communication and follow-up, please provide the name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request.

Thank you for your attention to this detailed request. Please contact me for any further information or clarification needed for the processing of this request.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Directory of (Private) Qualified Providers - Medicaid ABI Waiver Program

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:04 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:37 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Directory of (Private) Qualified Providers - Medicaid ABI Waiver Program**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.

11.28.2023

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Subject: FOIA Request for **Directory of (Private) Qualified Providers** - Medicaid ABI Waiver ProgramPursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., I am requesting access to and a copy of the most recent directory or listing of private qualified providers who are part of the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program.

1. This request includes, but is not limited to, the names, contact details, and service specializations of these providers. The purpose of this request is to understand the current landscape of private qualified providers in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program and to assess the availability of services for individuals with acquired brain injuries in Connecticut.
2. Compliance with Privacy and Confidentiality Standards:
I acknowledge the importance of privacy and confidentiality. If certain information within the directory is exempt from disclosure due to privacy concerns, please provide a written explanation for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory provision, and redact only the exempt portions, leaving the remainder of the document intact.
3. Accommodation for Disability:
As per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and relevant state regulations, I request that the records be provided in an accessible electronic format due to a disability.
4. Statement of Uniqueness:
This request is distinct and should be treated as independent of any other FOIA requests, as it seeks specific information not likely covered by other inquiries.
5. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:
For effective communication and follow-up, please provide the name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this request and am available to provide any further information or clarification that may facilitate your processing of this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Between State Officials and the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut

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

Wed 11/29/2023 10:04 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:41 AM**To:** FOI <FOI@ct.gov>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.28.2023 FOIA Request for Email Communications Between State Officials and the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut**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.

11/28/2023

Dear Freedom of Information Officer

Subject: FOIA Request for Email Communications Between State Officials and the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut

I am writing under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to request access to and copies of all email communications between the following state officials and representatives of the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut (BIAC), a nonprofit organization:

- Amy Dumont (amy.dumont@ct.gov)
- Jennifer Cavallaro (jennifer.cavallaro@ct.gov)
- Michael Slitt (michael.slitt@ct.gov)
- Elizabeth Orejuela (elizabeth.orejuela@ct.gov)

1. This request seeks to obtain all such email communications for the period from 2013 to the present date, involving any exchanges between these state officials and any representatives or agents of the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut.
2. Compliance with Exemption Standards:
In the event that parts of the requested documents are exempt from disclosure, please provide detailed justifications for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. Only the exempted portions should be redacted, with the remainder of the document intact.
3. Accommodation for Disability:
Due to a disability, I request that the records be provided in an accessible electronic format, as per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and relevant state regulations.
4. Statement of Uniqueness:
This request is distinct and should be treated independently, not combined with any other FOIA requests, as it seeks specific information that may not be covered by other requests.
5. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:
For effective communication and follow-up, please provide the name, title, and contact information of the FOIA officer handling this request.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please contact me if further information or clarification is required.

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

Importance: High

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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:

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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

David –

Your request for information has been received.

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

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Thank you.

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 6:52 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: Directory of Qualified Providers, Medicaid ABI Waiver Program | Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.13.2023

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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:

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.

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.

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?

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. 10.21.2023 / CCC SLG

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

Tue 11/21/2023 3:27 PM

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

David –

Your request was sent over for legal review. In the meantime, please find my responses below in red:

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services



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

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:09 PM

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

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.21.2023 / CCC SLG

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11/21/2023

Re: Appeal Against Non-Disclosure of Public Records

Dear CT DSS Officer,

I am writing to appeal the response received regarding my request for records related to Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group LLC, concerning Medicaid referrals. I appreciate the information provided, yet I believe further disclosure is necessary under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

1. Communication Records: I appreciate your prompt response in providing the correspondence between Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group LLC. However, the volume and scope of the provided communication seem limited, especially considering the significant role these entities play in working with the majority of the ABI Waiver Program population. This raises concerns about the extent and nature of their collaboration, which is pivotal for understanding the Medicaid referral process in its entirety.

Given the critical role of these providers in the ABI Waiver Program, I request a comprehensive disclosure of all communication records, including emails, letters, memos, and any other forms of correspondence between Connecticut Community Care, The Supported Living Group LLC, and any related government agencies. This request extends to any communication that pertains to Medicaid referrals and management of the ABI Waiver Program. – DSS does not have the capability of running an email search for any non-state emails. All emails provided were all that were included in the search criteria.

The disclosure of these records is not only essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration of Medicaid services but also for public understanding of how these critical services are being managed and delivered. I urge you to reconsider and provide a complete set of communication records, with redaction of sensitive information as necessary under the law.

2. Contracts or Agreements: I challenge the non-disclosure of contracts or agreements. The public has a legitimate interest in understanding the nature of government contracts with private entities, especially those involving public healthcare programs. Under the Connecticut FOIA, draft versions of contracts are not categorically exempt from disclosure, and I request that these documents be reviewed and released in a redacted form, if necessary, to protect sensitive information. – I am unaware as to what version of the DRAFT contract is available – therefore you may be looking at a version of a document that was completely scrapped.

3. Audit or Inspection Reports: I understand the concern regarding personal identifying information in the recent audit report. However, I request a redacted version of the audit, omitting only the personal identifiers, to comply with the transparency required under CGS 1-210. – The audits were done of client information – the basis of the audit is of identifying information and cannot be shared.

4. Investigative Reports: The absence of investigative reports is concerning. I request a formal confirmation regarding their non-existence, which is critical for public oversight. – DSS does not have the requested records.

5. Training and Guidance Materials: Given that Connecticut Community Care's training materials pertain to Medicaid, a public program, there is a public interest in these materials. I request a reassessment of their classification as non-public records. – DSS does not have the requested records – as explained CCC has their own training department

The Connecticut FOIA champions transparency and accountability in government operations. The disclosure of these documents is in the public interest, particularly regarding the functioning and oversight of Medicaid, a program of immense public significance.

I respectfully request a prompt reconsideration of your decision. If these documents cannot be provided, I ask for a detailed legal basis for each refusal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros

ABI Resources

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 2:31 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>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.21.2023 / CCC SLG

David –

In regard to your request, please find the information attached and explanations below:

Communication Records: All correspondence, including emails, letters, memos, and any other form of communication, between Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group LLC pertaining to Medicaid referrals. – **attached**

Contracts or Agreements: Any contracts, agreements, or MOUs between Connecticut Community Care and any government agency, including Medicaid. – CAU does not have records of these types of agreements as these are subcontracts – **DSS only has a draft version of this contract which is exempt under CGS 1-210**

Audit or Inspection Reports: Documents related to any audits or inspections conducted on Connecticut Community Care by CT DSS or any other related governmental body. – **DSS conducted an audit recently, but it is of/includes personal identifying client information which is exempt under CGS 1-210**

Complaints: Records of complaints filed against Connecticut Community Care, specifically pertaining to Medicaid referrals. – **these were provided to you on 11/21/2023 @ 1:33 PM**

Investigative Reports: Documentation or reports stemming from any investigations into Connecticut Community Care's Medicaid referral practices. – **DSS does not have the requested records**

Training and Guidance Materials: Materials used by Connecticut Community Care to instruct or guide its staff regarding Medicaid referrals. – **CCC has their own training department and conducts their own training**

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: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:42 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: Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 10.21.2023 / CCC SLG

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: Saturday, October 21, 2023 6:53 AM
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10.21.2023

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

Dear FOIA Officer,

12/1/23, 6:27 AM

Mail - ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 - Outlook

I am writing to request records pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200 to 1-259. Specifically, I am seeking the following Medicaid ABI Waiver Program records related to the interactions between Connecticut Community Care (located at 43 Enterprise Drive, Bristol, Connecticut 06010) and The Supported Living Group LLC :

Communication Records: All correspondence, including emails, letters, memos, and any other form of communication, between Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group LLC pertaining to Medicaid referrals.

Contracts or Agreements: Any contracts, agreements, or MOUs between Connecticut Community Care and any government agency, including Medicaid.

Audit or Inspection Reports: Documents related to any audits or inspections conducted on Connecticut Community Care by CT DSS or any other related governmental body.

Complaints: Records of complaints filed against Connecticut Community Care, specifically pertaining to Medicaid referrals.

Investigative Reports: Documentation or reports stemming from any investigations into Connecticut Community Care's Medicaid referral practices.

Training and Guidance Materials: Materials used by Connecticut Community Care to instruct or guide its staff regarding Medicaid referrals.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you think justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of your agency's appeal procedures available under the law.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. I anticipate your response within the statutory timeframe.

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: ** 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>

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 6:58 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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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.

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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 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2**

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

Tue 11/21/2023 3:42 PM

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

David –

All of your appeals have been sent for legal review.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:39 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** Re: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2**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

Would you please ensure that my appeal is presented to your supervisor for response?

Subject: Appeal Against FOIA Request Denial – Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am writing to formally appeal the decision of the Connecticut Department of Social Services (CT DSS) regarding my Freedom of Information Act request dated November 19, 2023. This request concerned housing and rental agreements within the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2.

Your response which states that DSS does not have any of the requested records, is surprising and contradicts the known operational scope of CT DSS. Given CT DSS's involvement in overseeing housing arrangements in these programs, including auditing and regulatory functions, I strongly believe that relevant records should exist. Therefore, I respectfully challenge this conclusion for the following reasons:

CT DSS's Established Role: The department's involvement in the ABI Waiver Programs, including the oversight of housing arrangements, is well-documented and suggests the existence of pertinent records.

Legal Compliance with FOIA: Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), public agencies are obligated to provide access to records, barring specific exemptions. The outright denial of such records raises concerns regarding compliance with FOIA mandates.

Necessity for Public Transparency: Understanding how CT DSS manages and audits housing arrangements under these programs is of significant public interest. Transparency in these areas is critical for ensuring accountability.

Request for Detailed Search and Clarification: I urge a more comprehensive search for these records. If these documents are maintained by a different department or agency, I request clear guidance on how to access them.

Accessibility Considerations: As a person with a disability, I require these records in an electronic format, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Given these considerations, I expect a thorough reevaluation of my FOIA request. Please provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for handling this appeal for any necessary follow-up.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a resolution that reflects the principles of transparency and adherence to legal standards set forth in the FOIA.

Sincerely,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources**From:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:29 PM**To:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

As previously explained, DSS does not have any of the requested records as Housing is not a service on either ABI waivers.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:22 PM

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

Subject: Re: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

Importance: High

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Subject: Appeal Against FOIA Request Denial – Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

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Sincerely,
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ABI Resources

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:07 PM

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

Subject: RE: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2

David –

DSS does not have any of the requested records as Housing is not a service on either ABI waivers.

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

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:09 PM

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

Subject: RE: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in 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.

Thank you.

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



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

Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2023 7:25 AM

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

Subject: *** Freedom of Information Act FOIA Request | Connecticut Gov. 11.19.2023 Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2
Importance: High

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – **Housing and Rental Agreements in Medicaid ABI Waiver Programs 1 and 2**

Dear CT DSS FOIA Officer,

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for information related to housing and rental agreements within the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Programs 1 and 2.

Specific Records Requested:

Legality and Authorization Records (Waiver 1 and 2):

1. Documents confirming the legality and authorization for ABI Waiver Program agency providers to rent or provide housing for consumers in both Waiver Programs 1 and 2.
2. State or federal approvals, if any, specifically allowing such housing provisions under these programs.

Operational and Implementation Records (Waiver 1 and 2):

1. Detailed descriptions or guidelines on how housing services are to be implemented within these programs.
2. Records or agreements that outline the roles and responsibilities of agency providers in the context of providing housing or rental services to program participants.

Financial Records (Waiver 1 and 2):

1. Financial statements or invoices related to payments for housing or rental services within both Waiver Programs 1 and 2.
2. Documentation of funding allocations for housing services under these programs.

Provider and Consumer Responsibilities (Waiver 1 and 2):

1. Documents detailing the responsibilities of both the providers and the consumers regarding housing services under these waiver programs.

Service Plan Inclusions (Waiver 1 and 2):

1. Examples of service plans that include housing or rental services, illustrating how these services are integrated into the overall care plans for individuals in these programs.
2. This request encompasses all relevant records from the inception of housing services provisions within these waiver programs to the present date.

I assert that the requested information is not exempt from disclosure under the Connecticut FOIA, as it is vital for public understanding of the operation and legality of housing services within these programs.

Should any part of the requested documents be exempt from disclosure, please provide a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. I request that only the exempted portions be redacted, keeping the rest of the document intact.

In case of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a written explanation, specifying the exact statutory exemptions that justify the denial.

Due to a disability, I request the provision of electronic records to facilitate my accessibility and participation.

Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:

For effective communication, I respectfully request the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request. This will assist in any necessary follow-up communication regarding this FOIA request.

Thank you for your attention to 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 Management 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 Management Consultation Services

Importance: High

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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 assert that the requested information is not shielded from disclosure under the Connecticut FOIA, as it is pertinent to the public's affairs and is not classified as privileged or confidential.

Should any part of the requested documents be deemed exempt from disclosure, I request a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, referencing the pertinent statutory exemption, and ask that only the exempted portions be redacted, leaving the remainder of the document intact. In the event of a partial or full denial of my request, I ask for a written explanation, citing the specific statutory exemptions that justify the denial.

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
ABI Resources

RE: 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Records Confirming DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program Responsibilities | Conn Gov

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

Wed 11/29/2023 9:55 AM

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

PLEASE NOTE* There is a delayed timeline in providing a response to your request as I continue to work on your earlier requests.

Thank you for your patience,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services**From:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 5:49 AM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Subject:** 11.26.2023 FOIA Request for Records Confirming DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program Responsibilities | Conn Gov**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.

11/26/2023

Subject: FOIA Request for Records Confirming DSS Compliance with ABI Waiver Program Responsibilities

To: Connecticut gov CT DSS FOIA Officer,

Dear FOIA Officer,

I, David Medeiros and ABI Resources, am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to obtain records confirming the fulfillment of responsibilities specifically by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. This request pertains to Section 17b-260a-10 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The purpose of this request is to ensure that these responsibilities are being met directly by the DSS, and not by any other department or agency. The records sought include:

1. Documentation of Information Provided to Individuals by DSS: Records showing how DSS informs individuals about their options under the ABI waiver program.
2. Records of Social Work Services Conducted by DSS: Documentation covering assessments, service plan coordination and development, and implementation assistance, all performed by DSS.
3. Service Plan Review and Reassessment Records by DSS: Records of DSS's service plan reviews, annual reassessments, and evidence of record maintenance for a minimum of five years.
4. DSS Advisory Records on Rights: Communications from DSS informing individuals of their rights to administrative hearings.
5. DSS Waiting List Maintenance Records: Documentation of the DSS-managed waiting list for individuals ineligible for ABI services.
6. DSS Provider Qualification and Directory Records: Criteria and directories for provider qualifications established by DSS.
7. DSS Payment Rate Documents: Records of DSS's process for setting and revising payment rates for services.
8. DSS Records of Payment for Services: Documentation of payments made by DSS for ABI waiver services.
9. DSS Financial Eligibility Determination Records: Process and criteria used by DSS for determining individuals' financial eligibility.
10. DSS Overall Compliance and Oversight Records: Records demonstrating DSS's oversight, compliance, and quality measures in relation to the ABI waiver program.

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11. Should any part of the requested documents be exempt from disclosure, please provide a comprehensive written justification for each exemption, citing the relevant statutory exemption. Only the exempted portions should be redacted, keeping the rest of the document intact. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask for justification of all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.
12. In case of a partial or complete denial of my request, I seek a written explanation, specifying the statutory exemptions justifying the denial.
13. Due to a disability, I request the provision of electronic records to facilitate accessibility and participation.
14. Request for FOIA Officer's Contact Information:
For effective communication, I respectfully request the name and title of the specific FOIA officer handling this request.
15. Please provide the requested documents electronically.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources

RE: 12.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA Request for Records: David Medeiros & ABI Resources - Legal Case and Public Interest Matters

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

Fri 12/22/2023 12:26 PM

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

Good afternoon Mr. Medeiros.

I am seeking clarification on your request. Specifically, during what time period would you like us to search for the requests you have placed?

Thank you,

FOIA Officer

Department of Social Services

From: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 2:32 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; FOI <FOI@ct.gov>**Cc:** ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@live.com>**Subject:** 12.21.2023 Freedom of Information Act Request FOIA Request for Records: David Medeiros & ABI Resources - Legal Case and Public Interest Matters**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.

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 Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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 expedited processing.

2. Expedited Processing Request:

In relation to the ongoing legal case, David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220, I request expedited processing. The information sought is of public interest and urgently needed for ongoing legal proceedings and public discourse, especially concerning whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy.

3. Format of Records:

Due to my disability, I request that all responsive records be provided in an accessible electronic format, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

4. Unique Nature of Request:

This request is of a unique and comprehensive nature, holding significant relevance to ongoing public and legal discussions, particularly in the realms of civil rights, whistleblower protection, and disability advocacy.

5. Contact Information:

Please provide the contact details of the FOIA officer responsible for handling this request.

6. Appeal Procedures:

If any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemptions that justify such denial and provide details of the appeal procedures available under the law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response within the 20 business day period as stipulated by the FOIA.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury ABI Waiver Program Provider





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Submission ID: 997526

Success!

Your FOIA request has been created and is being sent to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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

410-786-5353

joseph.tripline@cms.hhs.gov



FOIA Requester Service Center 

410-786-5353



Joseph Tripline, FOIA Public Liaison 

410-786-5353

joseph.tripline@cms.hhs.gov



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

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21244

FOIA_Request@cms.hhs.gov

Request summary

Request submitted on **December 23, 2023**.

The confirmation ID for your request is **997526**.

The confirmation ID is only for identifying your request on FOIA.gov and acts as a receipt to show that you submitted a request using FOIA.gov. This number does not replace the

information you'll receive from the agency to track your request. In case there is an issue submitting your request to the agency you selected, you can use this number to help.

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Your request

Subject: Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act – Astread Ferron Poole's Involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Dear FOIA Officer, I am submitting this request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to obtain records pertaining to Chief of Staff at the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Director of Administration Astread Ferron-Poole's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program. This request is made with the utmost seriousness and urgency to obtain comprehensive records concerning Astread Ferron-Poole's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, and any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation. Expedited Processing Request: The nature of this request is critical due to its direct connection with the legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220) and the Whistleblower Comprehensive Grievance reports concerning the ABI Waiver Program. Given these circumstances, I am requesting expedited processing. Specific Information Requested: To gain a thorough understanding of Ms. Ferron-Poole's involvement in the program, I request the following: Complete records detailing Ms. Ferron-Poole's employment, roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program. All written communications, including emails and memos, involving Ms. Ferron-Poole related to the program's operations. Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with Ms. Ferron-Poole's participation, pertinent to the program. Reports, audits, or evaluations involving Ms. Ferron-Poole in the context of the program. Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation. From the first date of employment to the present day. Communication Accommodations: In light of my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I request that all communications related to this FOIA request be conducted via email correspondence. This will ensure that I can fully process and comprehend the information, in line with my capabilities and needs. Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an

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Fees

Fee waiver

no

Request expedited processing

Expedited processing

yes

Justification for expedited processing

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Your request

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request - Contact Information of Connecticut Constitutional Offices and Public Officials Dear FOIA Officer, As the founder and owner of ABI Resources, a company specializing in disability support services, and an advocate with a profound dedication to civil rights and legal justice, I am submitting this request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.

Request for Information: I am requesting access to and copies of all records containing the following information: A comprehensive list of all public officials, employees, and staff within Connecticut's Constitutional Offices, including but not limited to names, titles, and CT.gov email addresses. A comprehensive list of all public officials, employees, and staff within Connecticut's House of Representatives Offices, including but not limited to names, titles, and CT.gov email addresses. A comprehensive list of all public officials, employees, and staff within Connecticut's Senators including but not limited to names, titles, and CT.gov email addresses. Expedited Processing Request:

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Fees

Fee waiver

no

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Expedited processing

yes

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Your request

Date: 12/26/2023 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing
Requested I am writing to submit a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company providing disability support services. The purpose of this request is to obtain records pertaining to: • All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. • Any legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs. This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas. I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following • 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 • 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights. Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not

just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities. Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise. Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities. Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees. I anticipate your prompt response to this request within four business days, as specified by the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act. These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections pertaining to these state-managed programs. • Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program • Alzheimer's Respite Care Program • Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD • Birth to Three • Board of Education and Services for the Blind • Care4Kids • Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics • Child Support • CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries • Commodity Supplemental Food Program • Community First Choice • Community Options • Connect-Ability • Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP) • Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP • Connecticut Energy Assistance Program • Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders • Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative • Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids • Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) • CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS) • Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services • Department of Rehabilitation Services • Disability Services • Durable Medical Equipment • Economic Security - Financial Assistance • Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) • Electronic Visit Verification • Fatherhood Initiative of CT • Grandparents As Parents • Housing Options for Seniors • Human Services Infrastructure • HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer • HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program) • Jobs First • Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS • Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities) • Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement • Medicare Savings Program • Money Follows the Person • National Family Caregiver Support Program • Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) • Nutrition Assistance Programs • PCA CERTIFICATION TEST • PCMH+ Member Information • Refugee Assistance Program • School Based Child Health (SBCH) • Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission • Social Work Services • State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP • Temporary Family Assistance - TFA • The Personal Care Attendant Program • Welfare to Work (Department of Labor) • Women Infants and Children – WIC

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Additional information

 12.26.2023 FOIA Freedom of Information Act. Failure in ADA Accommodation Compliance. Disability Discrimination Whistleblower Retaliation .pdf

Fees

Fee waiver

no

Request expedited processing

Expedited processing

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Justification for expedited processing

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

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- Anne Dauphinais - District 44, Republican
- Brian Lanoue - District 45, Republican
- Derell Wilson - District 46, Democratic
- Doug Dubitsky - District 47, Republican
- Mark DeCaprio - District 48, Republican
- Susan Johnson - District 49, Democratic
- Pat Boyd - District 50, Democratic
- Ricky Hayes - District 51, Republican
- Kurt Vail - District 52, Republican
- Tammy Nuccio - District 53, Republican
- Gregory Haddad - District 54, Democratic
- Steve Weir - District 55, Republican
- 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