

contracted fiduciary listing. This action is not ethical and maybe biased as disabled ABI waiver consumers are not afforded their complete full and unbiased selection of providers that may provide a more beneficial Case Management relationship. ABI Waiver and MFP consumers may appear not completely informed or misled during decision-making and may be left entirely out of the selection process. This may appear to be discriminating and misleading to consumers with disabilities and not providing them the same civil rights in their person-centered program decision process. An example of this would be a verbal phone conversation promoting a specific provider, leading or steering a client to meet with or arranging a referral before a consumer is wholly informed or provided their complete options by a Case Management selected provider.

- DSS, Case Management providers, and the contracted, the fiduciary listing provider may be aware of these discriminatory processes and practices.
- How does DSS ensure the disabled population is not discriminated against and provide the procedural validation system to ensure civil rights are completely adhered to?
- Additionally, it may appear that the DSS contracted fiduciary listing is discriminatory and biased to confuse the disabled ABI Waiver consumer in this way. Below are the first two webpages of many that DSS'S contracted fiduciary is listing; note that agency providers are listed biasedly and misleadingly, listing the same providers in duplicate, triplicate, and more.

Juniper Homecare LLC	●	(860) 523-1418	West Hartford
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Absolute Independence LLC		(860) 347-3082 melhornahkj288@gmail.com	Middletown
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Handz-On Inc.	●	(860) 560-7700 myra@handzon.org	Hartford
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Simple Home Care Solutions LLC	●	(860) 944-2770 nancyhackbarth@att.net	Bristol
Simple Home Care Solutions LLC	●	(860) 944-2770 nancyhackbarth@att.net	Bristol
A & B Homecare Solutions LLC dba Northwest Home Care LLC	●	(203) 495-1900 joronzo@carefinders.org	New Haven
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- Note that ABI Resources is listed once.

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Helping Others to Succeed Inc	●	(877) 885-8516	afreeman@hotsabi.com	Newington
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Prestige Companion & Homemakers LLC	●	(203) 262-0046	Prestigehcare@gmail.com	Southbury
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CareGivers Connecticut LLC	●	(860) 436-2779	rmancell@caregivershpc.com	Manchester
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CareGivers Connecticut LLC	●	(860) 436-2779	rmancell@caregivershpc.com	Manchester
Second Chance Home Care LLC		860-263-8259	info@secondchancehomecare.com	East Hartford
Advanced Cognitive Development LLC		(860) 478-1910	crystalj_acdabi@outlook.com	Mansfield Center
Angel Touch Care LLC	●	(860) 461-7123	odski@sbcglobal.net	West Hartford
Angel Touch Care LLC	●	(860) 461-7123	odski@sbcglobal.net	West Hartford
Angel Touch Care LLC	●	(860) 461-7123	odski@sbcglobal.net	West Hartford
Liberty HomeCare Options LLC	●	(860) 357-4112	sylvia@libertyhcoct.com	New Britain
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Liberty HomeCare Options LLC	●	(860) 357-4112	sylvia@libertyhcoct.com	New Britain
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A.L.L. Homemakers and Companions	●	(860) 507-6796	all216@att.net	Farmington
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- Note that disabled ABI Waiver consumers may have significant challenges understanding the list of provider types.

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Program: ABI

Provider Types:

Click to Select Provider Types

- Agency
- Private-Household
- Private-SE & H
- Private-Self-Empl.
- Click to Select Towns

Regions:

Click to Select Regions

Services:

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Click to Select Services

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- Note that the services do not list the services that the disabled ABI Waiver consumers understand and are familiar with, such as Companion, ILST, homemaker RA and more. This may appear to be misleading and confusing.

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Program: ABI

Provider Types:

Regions:

Services:

 Assistive Technology
 Environmental Accessibility Adapt.

Towns:

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- CBT and Behaviorist services are not listed on the DSS contracted fiduciary listing. This may create questionable and concerning challenges that may promote a discriminatory or biased decision-making process. Case Managers are not providing the disabled ABI Waiver program listing to choose from and maybe selecting, making initiative-taking referrals, and promoting behaviorists that benefit Case management relationships more than the Disabled ABI Waiver consumer. This may appear to be a discriminatory and biased practice.

ABI Resources formally requests a Department of Social Services internal investigation of these practices and concerns and a FOIA request for the policies and procedures for protecting the civil rights of the disabled under the ABI Waiver program guidelines.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
 David Medeiros CBIS
 Brain Injury Survivor and
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Date: 12/14/2023

Dear Matthew S. Antonetti,
Legal Director, Connecticut Department of Social Services,

This letter is written with a heavy sense of duty and urgency, reflecting years of accumulated concerns regarding the Connecticut Department of Social Services' handling of the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, and the recent mischaracterization of the whistleblower grievances and requests for clarity and transparency from the department. As the owner of ABI Resources and a person living with a brain injury, I must assert my rights firmly and unequivocally, demanding fair just treatment from your department.

It is crucial to address the recent correspondence from CT DSS, which not only misrepresents my willingness to engage in constructive dialogue but also trivializes the profound and systemic issues we have raised over the years. The portrayal of me as reluctant to communicate is not just inaccurate; it's a disservice to the earnest efforts we have put forth in advocating for the rights of individuals with brain injuries, including myself.

Your Department letter is misleading and is an attack on me personally. I will not participate in manipulative communications. For your reference.

Re: Concerns

Fri 9/29/2023 8:00 AM

To: Dumont, Amy E

Hello Amy,

I've reviewed the content of the recent email and found it to be inaccurate and concerning. Please re-evaluate the information, and let's discuss further.

*All the best,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources*

The communication I initiated on September 29, 2023, was a genuine attempt to address and resolve the issues at hand, not to avoid or impede progress.

I am expressing serious concerns regarding the communication strategies employed by the department. It has come to my attention that there may be instances of misleading information dissemination and potential manipulation of language. Such practices are particularly concerning as they appear to be targeted towards exploiting my disabilities. This not only discredits my legitimate concerns but also significantly impedes my capacity for self-advocacy. It is imperative that these issues be addressed promptly to ensure a transparent, fair, and respectful communication environment.

The response from your department needs a thorough re-evaluation. The concerns I have raised are far from being mere referral issues. They are deep-seated problems ingrained within the system, affecting the very core of how the ABI Waiver Program operates and serves its intended beneficiaries. Discriminatory practices, lack of transparency, and unethical behavior are just the tip of the iceberg. For years, these issues have been systematically overlooked or inadequately addressed, resulting in detrimental impacts on the individuals relying on this program, including my own business operations. The attached Comprehensive Grievance Report lays out these issues in detail, underscoring the necessity for immediate and comprehensive action.

Furthermore, I must emphasize my constitutional right as a citizen and as a business owner to submit Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. These requests are not a mere formality; they are essential tools that ensure transparency and

accountability in governmental operations. The portrayal of these requests as problematic, as indicated in your department's response, is not just deeply troubling but also indicative of a larger issue within the department's system – an apparent aversion to transparency, accommodation, and accountability.

This is more than just FOIA requests for records, The lack of responsiveness from CT DSS and the difficulty in obtaining necessary documentation are further exacerbating these issues. This has and continues to hinder my ability to effectively self-advocate and communicate with Connecticut. This also raises serious questions about the department's willingness to address and rectify the concerns raised by people living with disabilities.

In your correspondence, there also appears to be a misleading representation of Ms. Amy Dumont's role as Interim Director of CT Department of Social Services. Such ambiguity is not conducive to effective communication or problem-solving and only adds to the complexity of the issues at hand. A clear and accurate representation of roles and responsibilities within CT DSS is crucial for any meaningful progress.

As a whistleblower and person living with brain injury, my rights should be respected and protected, not undermined or dismissed. The concerns raised are not individual grievances; they are indications of systemic flaws that need urgent attention. These issues are not only critical for upholding the integrity of the ABI Waiver Program but are also vital for the protection and advocacy of disability rights in Connecticut.

In light of these longstanding and unresolved issues, I urge the Department to engage in a sincere and meaningful dialogue within its many government departments. This is not just about rectifying individual grievances; it's about overhauling a system that has consistently failed to meet its obligations to its most vulnerable constituents. Our mutual goal should be to improve and uphold the integrity of the ABI Waiver Program, ensuring it effectively and ethically serves those it is meant to benefit. The time for superficial acknowledgments and ineffective half-measures is long gone. We need concrete actions and a commitment to systemic change.

As a brain-injured business owner advocating for change, I have taken every step within my capacity to bring these concerns to the attention of the appropriate professionals within the department. I firmly believe that this report has been placed in the capable hands of individuals designated to address and rectify these pressing issues. It is my sincere hope that these concerns will be approached with the gravity they deserve and that the designated individuals will work diligently to find meaningful solutions.

I want to emphasize that, as a person with a disability, my ability to verbally articulate the complexities of these challenges is hindered by my condition. I am not a policymaker, an attorney, an investigator, or a judicial system professional. I am a husband, a father, a friend, and a Connecticut business owner who lives with a brain injury. My commitment to advocating for change is driven by my lived experience and a deep desire to see improvements in the system.

I implore the Department to consider the gravity of the whistleblower grievances and the request for transparency and clarity. Please approach these concerns with kindness, compassion, and understanding. My intent in bringing these issues to light is to promote the greater good and to ensure that individuals with brain injuries and disabilities receive the support and services they need and deserve.

I have done all that I can do from the standpoint of disability self-advocacy, and I have presented these whistleblower concerns to the state Department. Now, I place my trust in the department's capabilities to address these concerns, create solutions, and work in the best interests of the greater good.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
David Medeiros
ABI Resources, CEO, Director, Team Member



1. Per county, What number of people have applied for each Medicaid program per year?

MFP Applications by Region								
		Regions						Grand Total
			Eastern	North Central	Northwest	South Central	Southwest	
Year	2021	13	135	507	235	419	220	1529
	2020	91	148	535	234	405	172	1585
	2019	196	139	616	278	504	353	2086
	2018	153	117	573	282	397	272	1794
	Grand Total	453	539	2231	1029	1725	1017	6994

2. Per county, what number of people have been approved for each Medicaid programs per year?

MFP Care Plans Approved by Region								
		Regions						Grand Total
			Eastern	North Central	Northwest	South Central	Southwest	
Year	2021		75	266	141	303	147	932
	2020		91	336	180	285	133	1025
	2019		37	294	128	229	148	836
	2018	1	38	304	141	206	162	852
	Grand Total	1	241	1200	590	1023	590	3645

3. What is the average Medicaid program consumer's wait list period to start Medicaid program services for each program?

There is not a waitlist for MFP.

4. When approved for the MFP, what is the average time period for home-based services to actively start?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

5. Per county, what number of people received services for each Medicaid program per year?

Request names services as ILST, Companion, RA1 RA2 PCA. Do not have this information readily available in existing reports.

6. Per county, what is the total number of Medicaid program consumers on each Medicaid program?

MFP Consumers Pre and Post Transition		
Year	2021	1337
	2020	1485
	2019	1575
	2018	1400

7. Since 2018, What number of Medicaid program consumers transitioned from Medicaid Programs ABI Waiver 1 too ABI Waiver 2?

8. What is the total number Medicaid program service hours billed per year, for each Medicaid program, for the following services?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

9. What is the total number of Medicaid approved agency providers?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

10. What are the names of the ten largest Medicaid approved agency providers providing ILST, companion, RA1, RA2 and or PCA services for each of the 4 Medicaid programs?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

11. What is the total number of Medicaid program consumers served per Agency / Program / Year?

12. What is the total number of Medicaid program consumer referrals received per Agency / Program / Year?

13. What number of Medicaid program referrals went to each of the ten largest agency providers individually?

Do not have this readily available in existing reports.

Care management access agencies.

14. What are the names of the care management access agencies for each of the 4 Medicaid programs?

MFP Access Agencies:

Area on Aging South Central Connecticut

South Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Connecticut Community Care

15. What care management access agencies make Medicaid program service referrals, for each program?

MFP Access Agencies:

Area on Aging South Central Connecticut

South Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Connecticut Community Care

Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

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Tue 11/15/2022 12:05 PM

To: Perry, Charles <Charles.Perry@ct.gov>

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

Hi Mr. Perry,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly; Please forgive me, your contact information was listed as a Connecticut FIOA contact. I believe CT DSS is the correct department.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Subject: Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

Hi Mr. Medeiros,

In reviewing your FOI request, it appears that you may be contacting the wrong agency. The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities does not maintain a medicaid program not does it have the information that you are requesting. Based on the above, there are no records with the CHRO that are responsive to this request. If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Cc: legal@ctbraininjury.com <legal@ctbraininjury.com>; A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>

Subject: Re: 11/07/2022 | FOIA request | CT DSS | Medicaid Programs

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Would the Department please provide the November 7, 2022, FOIA-request information?
The FOIA request is attached.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Good Morning

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
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FOIA request document is attached.

All the best,
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12.01.2023

Re: Appeal of FOIA Request Dated 10/18/2022

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am writing to appeal the response, or lack thereof, to my Freedom of Information Act request dated October 18, 2022. The request concerned several critical issues related to the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver and Money Follows the Person (MFP) programs.

Basis for Appeal

Accessibility of Fiduciary Listing: The DSS contracted fiduciary listing's limited accessibility is a concern, particularly for the disabled ABI Waiver population. The necessity for email verification, a username, and a password may discriminate against those without internet access or the ability to navigate online processes.

Ethics and Bias in Case Management: There are concerns about the potential bias and ethical issues in how Case Managers recommend providers to ABI Waiver and MFP consumers. It is crucial to ensure that consumers are provided with a full, unbiased selection of providers.

Request for Internal Investigation and Policies: I request an internal investigation by the Department of Social Services into these practices and a FOIA request for policies and procedures that protect the civil rights of the disabled under the ABI Waiver program guidelines.

Action Requested

In light of these concerns, I urge the Department to expedite the processing of my FOIA request and provide the requested information or conduct a thorough investigation into the raised issues.

If there are any reasons why my request cannot be fulfilled promptly, I request a detailed explanation, including any applicable statutory exemptions or logistical issues.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and anticipate a prompt and thorough response that aligns with the principles of transparency and accountability as mandated by the Connecticut FOIA.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

David Medeiros, CBIS
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Best regards,
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Subject: RE: DSS | FOIA | 10/18/2022

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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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Document attached - DSS request, concerns, and challenges.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request: Communications Pertaining to Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program

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

Fri 12/1/2023 7:17 AM

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

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

12.01.2023

Re: Appeal Regarding FOIA Request Dated 09.26.2023

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am writing to appeal the response to my Freedom of Information Act request dated September 26, 2023, concerning communications related to the Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program.

Basis for Appeal

Scope and Feasibility of the Request: While I appreciate your follow-up on the request and the concern about the extensive scope, I believe it is critical to reassess the approach to fulfill this request. The importance of these records for understanding the administration and management of these programs necessitates a thorough and comprehensive review.

Legal Obligation Under FOIA: Under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., and the federal FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552), there is a legal obligation to provide access to public records unless expressly exempt. This includes a responsibility to accommodate broad requests, even when they are extensive.

Public Interest Consideration: The requested records are of significant public interest, as they relate to major health programs affecting many Connecticut residents. The transparency in the administration of these programs is crucial for public accountability.

Refinement of the Request: To address the concern regarding the volume of records, I am willing to refine the request. Request Details:

We formally request access to, and copies of, all email communications, including attachments, sent to and from the Connecticut Department of Social Services, the Connecticut Community Options Unit, the Connecticut DSS Commissioners as well as emails to and from Ms. Amy Dumont COU DSS representative, related to the federal Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and the Money Follows the Person Program.

Specific Email Addresses:

AABIWR@live.com

ABI@ctbraininjury.com

David.M@ctbraininjury.com

Timeframe:

From January 1, 2013, to the present date.

Accommodation for Disability: As previously stated, due to a recognized disability, I request that the information be provided in an accessible electronic format. This is a necessary accommodation to ensure equal access to the information.

Action Requested

I respectfully request that the Department of Social Services reevaluate the approach to fulfilling this request, considering my willingness to refine the search parameters. I urge the Department to balance the feasibility of the request with the obligation to provide public access to these important records.

If parts of my request are deemed unfeasible or exempt, I seek a detailed justification for each specific exemption or explanation.

I trust that the Department will adhere to the principles of transparency and accountability as mandated by the Connecticut FOIA and the federal FOIA, and provide a response that aligns with these principles.

Thank you for your attention to this appeal. I look forward to a prompt and constructive resolution of this matter.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
ABI Resources

**From:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 2:14 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Communications Pertaining to Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program

David –

I followed-up on your 10/11/2023 request with an explanation of the lengthy timeline proposed with this request, but have not received a response from you. This specific request pinged over 18,000 emails and is anticipated to take over a year to complete just this 9/26/2023 request alone. Would you be able to provide any additional keywords to use in order to narrow the search?

I look forward to your response,

FOIA Officer
Department of Social Services



From: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 8:24 AM
To: ABI RESOURCES 860 942-0365 <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Communications Pertaining to Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program

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, September 26, 2023 7:11 AM
To: DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>; DSS, Commis <Commis.DSS@ct.gov>
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Communications Pertaining to Federal Medicaid ABI Waiver Program & Money Follows the Person Program

Department of Health and Human Services
 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services / Connecticut Department of Social Services / and the Community Options Unit,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of ABI Resources LLC to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq.).

Request Details:

We formally request access to, and copies of, all email communications, including attachments, sent to and from the Connecticut Department of Social Services, the Connecticut Community Options Unit, the Connecticut DSS Commissioners as well as emails to and from Ms. Amy Dumont COU DSS representative, related to the federal Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and the Money Follows the Person Program.

Specific Email Addresses:

AABIWR@live.com
ABI@ctbraininjury.com
David.M@ctbraininjury.com

Timeframe:

From January 1, 2013, to the present date.

Objective:

Our objective is to obtain a comprehensive understanding of all communications, dialogues, discussions, and information exchanged relating to the aforementioned programs.

Format:

We prefer to receive the requested documents in electronic format to facilitate access and review. Please send the documents via email to the following addresses:

Aabiwr@live.com

Conclusion:

We understand the obligations and constraints of your office and appreciate your attention to this request. We look forward to your prompt response, and, as stipulated by statute, we hope to receive the requested records within the legal time frame.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. We anticipate your expedient disclosure of the requested documents.

12/1/23, 7:17 AM

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Sincerely,

David Medeiros
ABI Resources LLC

RE: DSS | FOIA | 10/18/2022

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

Thu 10/20/2022 11:18 AM

To: aabiwr@live.com <aabiwr@live.com>; DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>

Good Morning,

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.

Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

From: aabiwr@live.com <aabiwr@live.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 3:12 PM

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Subject: DSS | FOIA | 10/18/2022

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DSS | FOIA | 10/18/2022

Document attached - DSS request, concerns, and challenges.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Mon 10/10/2022 3:58 PM

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Good Afternoon,

Apologies for the delay.

Attached please see information in response to your request. We will continue to work to provide the remaining information requested.

Thank you
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT

From: A.B.I. RESOURCES L.L.C. 860 942-0365 <AABIWR@LIVE.COM>**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:35 PM**To:** DSS, FOIA <FOIA.DSS@ct.gov>**Subject:** Re: FOIA CT DSS Request | Medicaid programs 12/06/2021 [not-secure]**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.

Will DSS please provide the 12/06/2021 FOIA request?

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS

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Good Morning Mr. Medeiros,

I am checking with staff to determine if there are any responsive documents available and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you