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Freedom of Information Office
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North 1st Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001
Attn: FOIA REQUEST
C/O Matt Vanover or Mark Wancket

RECORDS REQUEST

Dear Records Request Officer:

Pursuant to the state open records act, I request access to and copies of records retained by The Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Purchase Care Review Board on (1) Program ID #041 (aka) Children's Connection and (2) Agency ID 4550 (aka) Children's Connection of Illinois, Inc..

Business records, financial data, contracts, proposals, bank records, personnel records, law enforcement records, school records, as well as all documents submitted to ISBE by all public school districts served are being sought for the academic / calendar years 1996 through 2003.

Data on District 299 and the total number of IDEA students serviced by ISBE licensed "non-public" facilities that held both an educational component and a residential component, between 1996 and 2003, is also sought with the District's annual budget, per FAPE allotment included. Student placements should contain both in state and out of state facilities.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of state and local government operations and activities, with respect to the identification, verification and education of IDEA / FAPE eligible students between 1996 and 2003.

Information received will augment a unique understanding of government operations, as practices can be traced to the selection, education and monitoring of elementary and middle school IDEA approved students per ISBE FAPE requirements within ISBE District 299 that were serviced by Program ID 041 / Agency ID 4550 et al.

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

Thank you for your assistance.
Sincerely,

Carmen C. Starks