

FOIA request from Clearfront Alliance and ParentsCare and COGS - Series1c - November 19, 2025

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foia@news.stopsecrecy.org <foia@news.stopsecrecy.org>
To: rtsdinfo@rtsd26.org

Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 4:03 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Stop Secrecy, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

Please disregard my previous email. If you already responded to the other request, please indicate so here, and that will be treated as responsive to this request.

I am making this request on behalf of ClearFront Alliance and Parents Care, working in coordination with The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy (COGS) - aka Stop Secrecy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- Training materials regarding the investigation and handling of substantiated and/or unsubstantiated abuse and/or misconduct claims in effect from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Training materials, presentations, and/or other documents regarding FOIA prepared and/or presented by the law firm of Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Evaluation materials used by the district or its personnel to assess potential claims related to sexual misconduct claims in effect from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Policies or protocols for conducting investigations into abuse and misconduct allegations in the district in effect from January 1, 2020 to present.

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please Note: The requestor is a member of The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Max Binnington,

Stop Secrecy

Reyes, Patricia <preyes@rtsd26.org>
To: Ryan Berry <rberry@rtsd26.org>

Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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Berry, Ryan <rberry@rtsd26.org>
To: foia@news.stopsecrecy.org
Cc: "Reyes, Patricia" <preyes@rtsd26.org>

Mon, Dec 22, 2025 at 1:32 PM

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your recent FOIA request. The district's responses are below in red. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Ryan Berry

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