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# OCFS Data Warehouse News and Notes

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## Congratulations Niagara County

### CIN/PID News

Congratulations to Niagara County DSS. Niagara DSS recently finished processing over 800 records in the CIN/PID application. One staff person did the processing of these records to update CINs in CONNECTIONS on a part time basis over a three-week period. The updating of CINs in CONNECTIONS places Niagara DSS in a very favorable position for the conversion of WMS data to CONNECTIONS in preparation of Build 18. This upfront work will significantly increase the likelihood that WMS cases, and the persons associated with them, will be accurately matched in CONNECTIONS and reduce the amount of manual data entry and/or case consolidation that staff will need to perform when Build 18 is implemented. For more information regarding the CIN/PID application and how districts can participate in the CIN/PID project, please e-mail, or phone Joe De Lucia of the OCFS Data Warehouse at 518-473-8209.

## Data Warehouse Catalog Updates

The **Abuse/Maltreatment Code** is a new variable that has been added to the Impromptu Allegations and Investigations Catalogs.

This variable is based on the child/s role/s in the report. There is only one **Abuse/Maltreatment Code** per report. If any child in the report has an abuse role, the report will be designated as an abuse report. If all children in the report have roles of maltreatment, the report will be designated a maltreatment report. This means that it is now possible to count the number of reports by the categories of Abuse and Maltreatment.

**An important note** – Due to a change in the way the abuse role is processed by CONNECTIONS, the Abuse/Maltreatment indicator should not be used on reports taken prior to June 2002.

## Sample Report

### CPS REPORTS FROM 07/01/2002 THROUGH 06/30/2003

	UNDER INVESTIGATION	INDICATED	UNFOUNDED	TOTAL
<b>Abuse Maltreatment Code:</b>				
Abuse	1,235	3,262	5,729	10,226
Maltreatment	14,038	38,254	88,609	140,901
TOTAL	15,273	41,516	94,338	151,127

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** What is the difference between today () function and now () function?

**ANSWER:** When used in an Impromptu query, these functions produce very similar results, the only difference being that Now () returns a date time value and Today () returns a date. But when queries using them are saved as .IQD files (to be used as data sources in a model) the results are very different. Today () is turned into a hard-coded value always equal to the day the IQD was last saved. Now () remains a variable value, changing each time the source is opened.

**Question:** How do I get a Data Warehouse password?

**ANSWER:** Have you Data Warehouse contact request one for you from Joe De Lucia.

## Contact US

On behalf of the OCFS Data Warehouse Team, we would like to thank you for your on-going support and participation. In the up and coming months we are planning to implement many more new reports and Data Warehouse improvements which will be announced as they occur. If you have any questions, issues or concerns feel free to contact **Joe De Lucia** at (518) 473-8209 or send him a message at [Joe.Delucia@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Joe.Delucia@dfa.state.ny.us).