

Memo

To: Local District and Voluntary Agency Implementation Coordinators
From: CONNECTIONS Communication Team
Date: June 24, 2002
Re: Invitation to Participate in CONNECTIONS Build 15.1 User Acceptance Testing of Local Data Maintenance

This memo is to invite experienced CONNECTIONS users to participate in user acceptance testing for CONNECTIONS Build 15.1- Local Data Maintenance. From July 15th through August 3rd, the testing lab on the 15th floor at 40 North Pearl St., in Albany will be open for up to 12 testers per day with both 3.51 and 2000 machines available.

With the implementation of Build 15.1, Local Data Maintenance is available to users. This change item will allow local users to update and/or correct Person demographic information in closed CPS/IAB Investigation or FAD stages through a new Local Data Maintenance (LDM) window. LDM will also allow certain updates/ corrections to the Investigation information. The LDM window will contain the following tabs:

- Person Demographics tab
- Add Person / Relate Person tab
- Allegations tab
- Investigation Conclusions tab

Access to the LDM window and its functionality will be controlled by the addition of two new LDM security attributes to CONNECTIONS: Maintain Closed Investigation and Maintain Closed Person Demographics. Please note, only supervisors or above should be assigned the Maintain Closed Investigation security attribute.

A copy of the CONNECTIONS database that is approximately 6 weeks old is used for testing. Using this copy of the database, testers will be able to test the tasks they perform in their jobs as well as work on standard test plans.

It is important that participants in user acceptance testing take this opportunity to perform their daily CONNECTIONS tasks, without test plans if possible, to ensure that their business functions will not be compromised or impeded by the changes in Build 15.1. A copy of applicable test plans and the DRAFT Local Data Maintenance Job Aid will be posted in the Build 15.1 Public Folder (Public Folders>All Public Folders> Statewide> CONNECTIONS >

Build 15.1) prior to testing with the types of exercises they can perform in the lab. CONNECTIONS Project staff will be available each day to provide assistance.

To participate in the Build 15.1 testing, please contact Maureen Wight by e-mail or by telephone, (518) 402-3074. You will need to tell her the names of the testers, the dates they wish to use the lab, and whether they prefer a 3.51 or a 2000 machine. As in the past, travel expenses will be reimbursed at the State approved rates. We look forward to having CONNECTIONS users assist us in testing Build 15.1 Local Data Maintenance components.