

CONNECTIONS

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Build 15.4 Release Notes Updates to R1-R3 Functionality

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Introduction

This document describes the updates associated with Build 15.4 of Release 3.0, which will be implemented on the weekend of August 8, 2003.

The *Changes, Enhancements and Fixes in the Build* section provides a list, by functional area and SIR or Change Item number of the changes, fixes and/or enhancements included in Build 15.4 of the software.

In addition to the Release Notes, a job aid (CONNECTIONS System Build 15.4) has been developed to provide additional information regarding the changes, enhancements and fixes in the Build. The CONNECTIONS System Build 15.4 Job Aid is currently posted on the CONNECTIONS Intranet Website (<http://sdssnet5/ocfs/connect>) on the Desk/Job Aids page and in the Public Folders > All Public Folders > Statewide > CONNECTIONS > Build 15.4 Implementation. The job aid was also mailed (hard copy) to district and voluntary agency Implementation Coordinators and Staff Development Coordinators.

This document will be placed in the Public Folders: Statewide>CONNECTIONS> Build 15.4 Implementation, and on the CONNECTIONS Intranet Website.

General Point(s)

There are no special instructions for users to follow when Build 15.4 becomes “live” over the weekend of August 8th, 2003. Users should follow regular log-on procedures. If however, you try to access the CONNECTIONS Application and you receive a “**version mismatch**” error, or “**no server found to match request**” error, you will need to contact the NYS OFT Enterprise Help Desk immediately 1-800-NYS (697) -1323. Once in the CONNECTIONS system, if you wish to check the version number, you can do this by performing the following steps: from the Toolbar, select the Help menu, choose the About CONNECTIONS option, and the window that opens will say: CONNECTIONS Ver 3.0, Build 15.4. This indicates that you have the proper version.

Reminder:

- If you have questions about local practice, policy or procedures, please talk to your supervisor.
- Questions about Intake reports, cross reference and assignments should continue to be called in to the On-Call CPS Supervisor at the SCR.
- Questions about Clearance, RFI, Administrative Review and Fair Hearings should be e-mailed to Roberta Frederick at the SCR.
- For all other CONNECTIONS related questions please contact the NYS OFT Enterprise Help Desk 1-800 NYS-1323.

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Changes, Enhancements & Fixes in the Build

Functional Changes to the CONNECTIONS Application

SIR or Change Item	Functional Description of Modification	Functional Area
25408	A correction has been made to the Database Checks batch job. The batch was failing to complete searching for individuals in a database check request when a match person did not have a date of birth. The request information was written to the exception report and the status of the request was not updated from Search Submitted to Awaiting First Level. The SCR will no longer have to manually process these requests.	Batch SCR Database Checks Batch
25406	A change was made to correct the Investigation Conclusion "Save" Service. It was terminating when Inv Conclusions were saved without any Inv Action. This change is transparent to CONNECTIONS users.	INV
25439	A change was made to use Map Info solution in place of NYC's GOAT system to generate Community District codes for NYC addresses.	COMMON
25235	Vacancy Control Master Vacancy Report: A new Excel spreadsheet is available through the Vacancy Control Search window. The purpose of this report is to show all facilities with a bed status of vacant. This report is essential for contract agencies to respond to OPA's placement needs after-hours. For additional details regarding Vacancy Control, please refer to the CONNECTIONS System Build 15.4 Job Aid.	FAD
25157	Vacancy Control Print Screen Reports: New Print Screen options were added to the Facility Search Results window and the Bed Detail window. These reports will print all data on the window. For additional details regarding Vacancy Control Print Screen functionality, please refer to the CONNECTIONS System Build 15.4 Job Aid.	FAD

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25411	<p>Changes have been made to Case and Person Search to make information returned more useful and consistent in anticipation of additional users and cases with Build18 and Build19. These changes are reflected on the “case list” and “case comp” windows.</p> <p>CASE LIST *****</p> <p>The Case List window lists the cases that were found by doing a Case Search. Currently, there is a field in the list box labeled “Stage” that shows the kind of stage the last stage of the case involved (FAD, INT, INV, ARI). With the implementation of Build 15.4, the “Stage” field was modified and replaced with “Case Type”. The “Case Type” field will include “SVC” for a Services Case (containing INT, INV and ARI stages) and FAD for a Foster Adoptive Home Case (containing a FAD stage).</p> <p>Currently, the COMP pushbutton for FAD cases and cases marked sensitive is only enabled if a user has the additional security business function. With the implementation of Build 15.4, when any case listed on the Case List window is selected, the COMP pushbutton will be enabled regardless of the security that the signed-on user has.</p> <p>CASE COMPOSITION *****</p> <p>The Case Composition window provides an unduplicated list of all individuals in all stages in a case. Demographic information is included, but no stage details are displayed. The ability to view case comp is essential when determining if the person or case searched is a match particularly for common names or incomplete demographics.</p> <p>Currently, when the signed-on user does NOT have the View Unfounded security attribute, then people from unfounded INT and INV stages are not displayed on the Case Composition window.</p> <p>With the implementation of Build 15.4, ALL people from ALL stages of a Case will be displayed on the Case Composition window. This will help prevent assignment</p>	COMMON

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	of duplicate or incorrect person ID's when adding people to the database. For additional details regarding changes to Case List and Case Composition, please refer to the CONNECTIONS System Build 15.4 Job Aid.	

If you have any questions about this release of the CONNECTIONS Application functionality, please contact the NYS OFT Enterprise Help Desk at 1-800-NYS-3832