

NYS OCFS WEB-RAP (Risk Assessment Profile) Pilot

Beginning Wednesday, February 5th, 2003, CONNECTIONS users will see a new ICON (see graphic below) on the Citrix Production Desktop. This new ICON will be used to support the NYS OCFS WEB-RAP Pilot. The RAP has been piloted in Monroe County and at an ACS field office. NYS OCFS will be expanding the pilot of the RAP beginning February 5th. The RAP is a new research-based method of classifying risk of future abuse and maltreatment and supporting caseworker decisions regarding the need to provide services to families with a high risk for subsequent abuse and neglect. The RAP will be a web-based application available for designated pilot sites, including Monroe, Genesee, Tompkins, Rensselaer, and Putnam counties. Training is being conducted for the Pilot sites in February and March.

After RAP is implemented in the pilot counties, statewide training and support for all counties to have access to the new web-based application will be available. A schedule for statewide implementation and training on the new RAP will be provided shortly.

Non-pilot counties will not have access to RAP during this pilot. Pilot counties will have access, but only CPS workers will have any cases in the RAP application. Non-pilot districts will receive the following message if they attempt to access Web-Rap, **“This is a Pilot Project. The Icon is available for Monroe, Genesee, Tompkins, Rensselaer, and Putnam counties”**.

Later this year in CONNECTIONS Build 16, RAP will no longer be completed in the WEB format. Instead, Child Protective workers will be completing the RAP within the CONNECTIONS Application.

Please Note: If authorized users in the 5 Pilot sites experience any problems using Web-Rap, please send an e-mail to the following global address: RAP-TA. Staff from the OCFS Bureau of Services Planning (Dianne Ewashko, Joann Ruppel, and Cathy Grose) will provide ongoing monitoring of this mailbox to address problems.

The WEB-RAP Icon graphic will appear on the Citrix Production Desktop as follows:



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