

~The CONNECTIONS WEEKLY~
January 6 ~ 13, 2006



CONNECTIONS Build 18.7.2...

CONNECTIONS Build 18.7.2 is scheduled to be implemented on Friday, January 13, 2006, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The downtime for implementation of this Build is two hours. Please note that the fix implemented with this Build will correct the error users have been receiving upon submission of a Plan Amendment or FSS stage for closure with an in-process Plan Amendment.

Model Voluntary Placement Agreement...

A **Model Voluntary Placement Agreement**, reflecting Chapter 3 Amendments (English version) is now available on the OCFS internet website. It is a fillable template with both a spell check button and "add a row" functionality. Please note that a Spanish version of this document will be available shortly and you will be advised when this document is posted to the website.

The template can be accessed from the ***OCFS internet site***. The address of the site is: www.ocfs.state.ny.us.

Instructions for accessing the template from the OCFS internet site.

1. Access the OCFS internet site at www.ocfs.state.ny.us;
2. on the left under "Resources & Information" click on "Legislation and Regulatory Agenda";
3. from that page, click on "Permanency Bill - Chapter 3 of 2005";
4. from that page, on the left click on "Voluntary Placement Agreement (model Form)".

Instructions for accessing the template from the OCFS intranet site Home page.

1. click on OCFS;
2. from that page click on OCFS internet at the top right;
3. follow the instructions 2 –4 under the internet site instructions above.

If you have any questions about working with the templates, please call the OFT Enterprise HELP Desk at 1.800.697.1323.

Please note that, the Final Administrative Order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the Unified Court System Promulgating Family Court Rules implementing Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005 has also been added to the website.

Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005 (Permanency Bill) Regulation Package...

This regulation package was filed with the Department of State on Thursday, December 29, 2005, on an emergency basis to implement Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005 (Permanency Bill). **These regulations are in effect.** They will also go through the normal publication process, with a comment period before final promulgation. Please note that the regulation package is posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website on the Implementation page.

CONNECTIONS System Build 18 Job Aid Interfaces...

The CONNECTIONS System Build 18 Job Aid on Interfaces has been revised to include updated WMS, CCRS and CONNECTIONS information through Build 18.7 and reflect interface transactions beyond the Conversion phase.

The Job Aid and the document identifying the revisions to the Job Aid are posted to the CONNECTIONS Intranet website on the Desk/Job Aid page.

“Did You Know”...

The Initial and Comprehensive FASP are due 30 and 90 days from the CID. The FIRST Reassessment that is launched is due 210 days from the CID date, then 180 days after that, so... future FASPs are 30 days after the CID or 6 months from the CID.

When CONNECTIONS Will Be Unavailable...

- ***Friday, 1/6/05*** from 5:00AM - 7:00AM
- ***Wednesday, 1/11/06*** from 5:00AM – 7:00AM
- ***Friday, 1/13/06*** from 5:00AM - 7:00AM
- ***Friday, 1/13/06*** from 6:00PM - 8:00PM