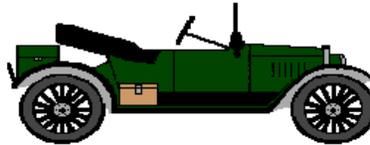


~ *The CONNECTIONS WEEKLY* ~
June 16 ~ 23, 2006

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The CONNECTIONS Program Improvement Plan Update...

It should be noted that the PIP team has continued to monitor the system to track performance and asks that if users experience any issues with the application that they these issue be reported to the NYS OFT Enterprise Help Desk at 1-800-NYS(697)-1323.

Activities for the week of June 9 ~ 16, 2006

The CONNECTIONS PIP team continues to conduct various project planning sessions related to several Business Cases that have been identified as part of the medium and long-term recommendations for the continued improvement of the project.

Build 18.8 Is Coming...

CONNECTIONS Build 18.8 is coming! The scheduled implementation date is Friday, June 23rd. The complete content of the Build will be detailed in the Build 18.8 Release Notes that will be communicated next week. A snapshot of the Build features user requested enhancements, as well as modifications and fixes to application functionality including, Progress Notes, FASP Report, Approvals, Service Plan Review and Local Data Maintenance.

CONNECTIONS Tip Sheet ~ Accessing Online Resources...

A new tip sheet has been created by SUNY Training Strategies! The Tip Sheet provides direction on accessing a variety of CONNECTIONS online resources, including: the OCFS and CONNECTIONS Intranet sites, Step-by-Step Guides, Job Aids and training information, Frequently Asked Questions and much, much more! You can find the Tip Sheet on the CONNECTIONS intranet, just click the Step-by-Step/Job Aids/Tips button.

“Did You Know...”

WMS Services Applications Information...

Did You Know...that WMS Services applications that have not been processed within 90 days of the last transaction date are at risk of being system withdrawn. Once the application is withdrawn, it will no longer be available; therefore it is important that the WMS case be opened within this 90-day window. Since WMS Services applications must be created through CONNECTIONS, in order to create

a new WMS application after the 90 days, the FSS would need to be closed and a new FSS opened. This would allow the worker to create a new WMS application. (Please note that if it becomes necessary to open a new FSS, the new FSS should be merged with the closed FSS).

Did You Know...that when an FSS/CWS stage is progressed to a CCR stage, the WMS case needs to be maintained. If the freed child was the only child tracked in the WMS case, that case should be closed. If there are other tracked children in the WMS Services case who continue to receive services, the child who is freed for adoption should be deleted from the active WMS Services case. A new WMS case is then opened using the APP REG button that enables in CONNECTIONS when the CCR is created. The freed child's CCRS track should be closed when the child is deleted or when the WMS case is closed. Once the new WMS case has been opened, the child's CCRS track should be re-opened using a tracking indicator of Y. The supplemental registration should reflect the CID date from the child's previous track. The track start date should be the day after the M999 was posted closing out the child's previous track.

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet...

The following document(s) were recently posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website:

- The CONNECTIONS Weekly
- CONNECTIONS Tip Sheet ~ Accessing Online Resources

Weekly System Maintenance...

CONNECTIONS Application Downtime...

- ***Friday, 6/16/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Wednesday, 6/21/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Friday, 6/23/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Wednesday, 6/28/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM