



..CONNECTIONS NEWS..

for the week of July 31 - August 7, 2009

Developing a more caseworker centric system

CONNECTIONS Intranet site: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/>

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The OCI Monthly Management Report for June

We are pleased to report that the OCI Monthly Management Report for the month of June was successfully run this past weekend. Those local district designated report recipients should be able to view the report from the Report icon on CONNECTIONS.

Please note that this version of the OCI Monthly Management Report will accurately cut off at the end of the month. The stages listed and all totals will be a snapshot of the work completed as of the end of the month. An ** will now display in the Status field for Safety Assessments and Investigation Conclusions approved in the time frame between the end of the month and the date on which the OCI Monthly Management Report is generated. A new line has been added to the text field in the bottom portion of the report to explain this designation - " ** Indicates the task was approved in the time period

between the end of the month and the date the OCI report was generated.” Tasks marked with the ** will be counted in overdue totals if they were overdue at the end of the month. If the approval was overdue as of the end of the month, an 'X' will still display in the “Overdue” field. The date displayed on the OCI report as the Safety Assessment approval date will now be the approval date instead of the date entered on the Safety Assessment Detail window. When the status of a 7 Day Safety Assessment or the Investigation Conclusion is rejected, the report will now display a status of REJT. Prior to this fix the status field was blank for rejected Safety Assessments and Investigation Conclusions. The Investigation Conclusion Due Date will now display on the report for all stages. Prior to this fix if the Investigation Conclusion was approved in the time period between the end of the month and the date the report was generated and the Investigation Conclusion Event Date (as recorded by the worker on the Investigation Conclusion window) was not within the same month as the approval (Approve CPS Investigation Event/Tx date), the Investigation Conclusion Due Date field was blank.

A new confidentiality banner will now display in the header of the report:

*****WARNING*****

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Updates to the Training Database

Maggie Adams Family Services Stage, replicated on both DU and IL Training Id's

What has been updated?

- Case Initiation Date(CID), 4/24/2009

Outcomes: Dates of birth for all family members

- Updating the CID date in the Maggie Adams FSS to 4/2009 has made this case information more current. The more recent CID date enables trainers and others using the data base to launch the Comprehensive FASP. The dates of birth were also updated. Now the oldest child is 15 rather than 20, which is more appropriate for training purposes, enabling all child scales to be demonstrated and used.

Kristy Collins Family Services Stage, replicated on both DU and IL Training Id's

What has been updated?

- Case Initiation Date(CID), 4/24/2009

- Dates of birth for all family members

Outcomes: Voluntary Worker has been assigned

- Updating the CID Date in the Kristy Collins FSS to 4/2009 has made this Stage more current. The more recent CID date enables trainers and others using the data base to launch the Comprehensive FASP. The dates of birth were also updated. Now the oldest child is 15 rather than 20, which is more appropriate for training purposes, and enables all child scales to be demonstrated and used. In addition, a by assigning a

voluntary worker to the Kristy Collins Family Services Stage in the Caseworker role (CW), the Case Planner Summary functionality can be viewed and demonstrated. Workers will also be able to practice associating workers to stages.

Kristy Collins CPS INV

What has been updated?

- Kristy Collins CPS INV is a new stage to the Training Data Base.

Outcome:

- The new, open INV Stage will enable trainees to view and use functionality associated with open INV Stages for which a Services Stage has also been opened and services are being provided.

FAD Dates

What has been updated?

- The FAD Dates for the Regular and Emergency homes have been updated in the Training Data base until October 2009

Outcome:

- Updates to the FAD Dates make these homes up to date, thereby allowing the Emergency Foster Home and Certified Foster Home processes to be demonstrated and completed. With extended past due dates, the licensing and certification processes could no longer be completed in the data base.

Marsha Murray Family Services Stage, IL training Ids

What has been updated?

- Voluntary Worker has been added to this stage

Outcome: Dates of birth for all family members have been updated

- These updates enable trainees in New York City to view and work with the Case Planner Summary functionality, and all scales will now work and make the children's ages more appropriate for training purposes. In addition, by assigning a voluntary worker to the Family Services Stage in the Caseworker role (CW), the Case Planner Summary functionality can be viewed and demonstrated. Workers will also be able to practice associating workers to stages.

Kelly Green CPS INV, IL Training Ids

What has been updated?

- CPS INV stage opened.

Outcome:

- By opening a new CPS INV Stage, the FASP functionality (e.g., Safety and Risk Assessments) is now completely current, incorporating the changes that have been implemented in the most recent Builds. Workers are now able to view and use this functionality in an additional case.

GIS OCFS GENERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

09-#013 - WMS Services Full Data Entry - FDE fix

TO: Directors of Services

FROM: Paul Gavry

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Services, Data Entry Operators

SUBJECT: WMS Services Full Data Entry - FDE fix

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/03/09

CONTACT: OCFS-IT Customer Support at 1-800-342-3727

DATE: 07/30/09

Programmer analysis has identified a shortcoming in Services FDE processing that opens the possibility of duplicate CIN assignment and error condition (error 299) that cannot be resolved by user. The shortcoming is resolved through changes scheduled to be in place Monday, August 3.

There should be no impact on normal processing but users are advised of the following changes to error conditions.

297 - An attempt has been made to "assign" a CIN during Full Data Entry when it is virtually certain a Registry/Line Number exists for this person.

- This is now a ***FATAL*** error

298 - An attempt has been made to enter a Registry/Line Number during Full Data Entry when it is virtually certain that both a Registry/Line Number and a CIN already exist for this person.

- This is now a ***FATAL*** error

299 - An attempt has been made to "assign" a CIN during Full Data Entry when it is virtually certain there is an existing CIN.

- This is now a ***FATAL*** error

DATE: 07/30/09

For systems questions, please contact OCFS-IT Customer Support at 1-800-342-3727.

GIS messages are available in Public Folders at the following path:

*All Public Folders/dfa.state.ny.us/OCFS/TSU/ ***Services systems Reference Documents/ GIS (system change notices)*

General "Info to Know"



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Weekly System Maintenance

Due to regularly scheduled system maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will not be available on...

- **Wednesday, 8/5/09** from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- **Friday, 8/7/09** from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM



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