

..CONNECTIONS NEWS..

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A CONNECTIONS Transformation Update

We are pleased to report that the current Pilot is moving along quite well. Several Pilot participants from both the Albany and New York City sites have lauded the transformed application and its' new features, stating that they find it more intuitive and less cumbersome; thus allowing them to access information in a more user friendly manner.

The good news is that on Monday, March 7th several additional local districts and voluntary agency participants will be joining the Pilot phase of the Transformation. Joining the Pilot will be participants from the following local districts: Erie, Tompkins, Monroe, Wayne, Cortland, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga, Nassau, Suffolk, Rensselaer and Westchester; as well as participants from the following voluntary agencies: Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, Parsons Child and Family Center, Catholic Charities of Buffalo, New Directions Youth and Family Services, MercyFirst and Children's Village. We welcome the new participants and will be assisting them as they begin to work within the transformed application.



AFCARS - Children With Missing Clinical Diagnosis Report

The data for the Children with Missing Clinical Diagnosis report has been updated as of March 1st.



The Eighth Records Retention Run Cycle Began on March 1st

The eighth Records Retention run cycle is **began on Tuesday, March 1st** and will run through Saturday, March 5th. This cycle will *purge stages through 9/20/2010; with a "To Be" date of 12/20/2010.*



A REVISED Tip Sheet -- System And Casework Contact Implications For Youth Moved Into And Out Of OCFS Facilities

This piece was in the last edition of the CONNECTIONS NEWS.

****Please note that this tip sheet has been revised. It was first released in the CONNECTIONS NEWS dated February 4, 2011.**

This tip sheet describes various placement scenarios and the system and casework contacts implications for them. For your convenience a copy of the tip sheet is attached below. This tip sheet is also posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet on the Step-by-Step/Job Aids/Tips page.



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General "Info to Know"



The OCFS Data Warehouse is Moving!!!

The OCFS Data Warehouse is going through a Cognos software upgrade and moving to a new Intranet location. On **Monday, March 14th**, the web address for the new Cognos environment will be circulated via email to Data Warehouse users and posted at the top of the current OCFS Data Warehouse tab. SSL VPN users will see a link to the new Cognos environment on their portal page on this date, as well. Refer to the **OCFS DW -**

Cognos 8 Upgrade FAQ document (attached below) for important information about how these changes will affect Data Warehouse users. Send an email to data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us with questions not covered in the FAQ. *Note: This information is specific to the OCFS Data Warehouse project; other Cognos reporting projects (e.g., WRTS/SOS) may be on a different deployment schedule.*



OCFS DW - Cognos 8
Upgrade FAQ.doc



Security Awareness Message

This piece was in the last edition of the CONNECTIONS NEWS.

For your reference, we have attached a new security message on the topic of **Passwords**. This document contains important tips on securing your password, as well as other important security info. We ask that this information be posted in an area where all users are able to view it. Thank you for your attention to this important topic!



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CONNECTIONS Weekly System Maintenance

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

- [Wednesday, 3/9/11](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- [Friday, 3/11/11](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM



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