



CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin

CONNECTIONS Build: Sex Trafficking Screening: Tentatively Planned for Implementation on December 18th

The next build to the CONNECTIONS application is tentatively scheduled for implementation on Friday, December 18th, and will include the new Sex Trafficking Screening window. The new State Education Data window, which was originally scheduled to be included in the December 18th build, will be implemented in January 2016.

The **Sex Trafficking Screening** window is the first of several changes that will be made to CONNECTIONS in response to the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (P.L. 113.183). The act introduces new policies and procedures for identifying, documenting, and determining appropriate services for children and youth who are sex trafficking victims or are at risk of sex trafficking. The act also introduces the standard for reasonable and prudent parenting. The Sex Trafficking Screening window will be used to document when and what type of screening (Quick Assessment or Comprehensive Assessment) was completed regarding a specific child.

The initial screening window will be required for **all children in receipt of preventive, foster care, or child protective services**, and will be accessible from any Investigation (INV), Family Assessment Response (FAR), or Family Services Stage (FSS with stage types CWS, CCR, and ADVPO only). The remaining changes related to this legislation will be implemented in CONNECTIONS during the first half of 2016.

A **Quick Start Guide**, intended to provide an overview of the Sex Trafficking Screening window in CONNECTIONS, along with step-by-step directions for accessing and completing the window, is now available on the [Intranet](#) and [Internet](#).

More information, including a more detailed implementation schedule, will be made available as it is known.