



CONNECTIONS Technical Bulletin

CONNECTIONS Build:

Intake Checklist, Foster Care Notification, and Foster Home Identification

The next build to the CONNECTIONS application is scheduled for implementation in two phases in late fall 2016 and will include several new windows to support the identification and notification of foster parents involved in a Child Protective Services (CPS) Intake, Investigation (INV), or Family Assessment Response (FAR) stages in CONNECTIONS.

The latest edition of the *CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin*, available on the [Intranet](#) and [Internet](#), provides a detailed overview of this upcoming build.

The following support documentation is now available:

- An **Impact Analysis** that summarizes the new features for district and agency management to consider ([Intranet](#) / [Internet](#))
- The **PowerPoint** that the Implementation Team will use to familiarize staff with the new windows ([Intranet](#) / [Internet](#))

Additional support documentation and other build-related information, including the build release schedule, will be made available in forthcoming issues of the *CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin*.

Records Retention Run Successful

The quarterly Records Retention cycle was successfully deployed over the weekend of October 7. Users identified as Records Retention recipients should now have access to the reports via the Reports tab of the CONNECTIONS application.

To determine the recipients of the two Records Retention reports in your district, contact the CONNECTIONS Application Help mailbox at ocfs.sm.conn_app@ocfs.ny.gov.

October 20—November 3

Weekly System Maintenance

Due to regularly scheduled maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will be unavailable on:

- **Friday October 21,**
from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- **Wednesday,**
October 26, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- **Friday, October 28,**
from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- **Wednesday,**
November 2, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- **Friday, November 4,**
from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.