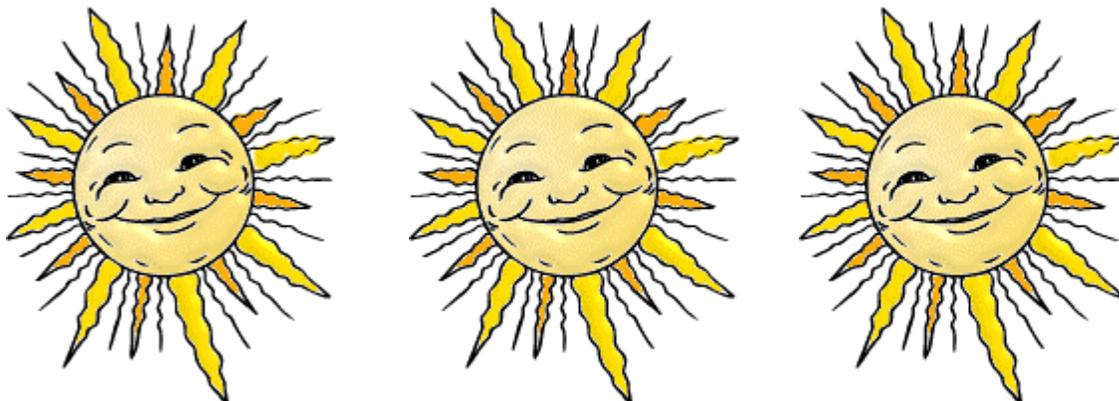


CONNECTIONS WEEKLY

June 24 – July 1, 2005



Build 18.3 ...Build 18.3...Build 18.3...

Build 18.3 is coming to a CONNECTIONS PC near you! The Build is scheduled to be released on early Saturday morning, June 25th. The downtime for the Build will be from 12 midnight through 4:00 AM, Saturday, June 25th. We would ask that users log off of the system at 11:45 PM on Friday evening, June 24th.

Look for the Build 18.3 Release Notes...

The Build 18.3 Release Notes, a document that describes what is contained in the Build, were communicated to local district and voluntary agency Implementation, Security/Back-up Security Coordinators and Directors of Services on Monday, June 20th. They are also posted on the intranet site on the Implementation page.

Save the Date...

On July 11th the Preview environment will be available for use by Waves 11 and 12 and will be refreshed for Waves 8, 9 and 10.

Just a Reminder...

The Preview environment will not be available for use on Friday, July 8th in order to set it up for Waves 11 and 12 and refresh it for Waves 8, 9 and 10. But Waves 8 through 12 will be back in business using Preview on Monday, July 11th!

Wave Training...

The training schedule for Waves 11 and 12 have been revised and are posted on the Training Info & Schedule page of the CONNECTIONS intranet. In addition, the Wave 13 and 14 schedules were also communicated and are posted on the intranet on the Training Info & Schedule page as well.

The OCFS Custody Youth Placed in Voluntary Agencies Job Aid...

This Job Aid was communicated to local district and voluntary agency Implementation, Security/Back-up Security Coordinators and Directors of Services on Wednesday, June 22nd and is available on the intranet website on the Desk/Job Aids page.

An Update on a WMS Issue...

This note is to provide updated information related to a General Information System (GIS) message that was sent on Wednesday, June 21st to local district WMS contacts, that identified a problem that affected a limited number of WMS Applications registered between 6/4/05 and 6/15/05. The result was that the affected Applications were deleted from WMS. In researching the root cause of this issue it was found that of the original number of WMS applications registered, only a few of them were known to CONNECTIONS. The WMS Operations team continues to focus on this issue and a resolution will be communicated.

“Quick Tips”...

Changes...changes... changes...

It is recommended that users not change the Unit Approver, Case Manager or Case Planner while the case is pending any approval.

Strengths, Needs and Risks...

Please note that the family scales evaluate the *household*, not the person listed. If there is a case address (household) that needs to be evaluated, the oldest child living at that address will appear on the family scales. If there are further questions on the Strengths, Needs and Risks window please refer to the CONNECTIONS Case Management Step by Step Guide, Module 11, Section 4.

Visiting Plan Window...

If there is a visiting plan and when users try to submit the FASP they get the message on the visiting plan that doesn't allow them to submit the FASP they must go to the No Visiting Plan tab and put in an 'n/a'.

When CONNECTIONS Will Not Be Available...

*****Please note the additional down time for the implementation of Build 18.3.***

- Friday, 6/24/05 from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- *****Saturday, 6/25/05*** from 12 midnight through 4:00AM for Build 18.3
- Wednesday, 6/29/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- Friday, 7/1/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM