

CONNECTIONS WEEKLY

July 15 – 22, 2005



Save the Dates...

Just a reminder **Monday, July 18th** is Day 1 implementation of Build 18 for Waves 8 and 9.

Just a Note...

At the present time, users are unable to submit a Plan Amendment for approval. We are currently working to resolve this issue however, in the interim, we ask that users keep track of the cases that they are not able to submit. We will notify immediately upon resolution of this issue.

“Did You Know...”

Implied Role Access

As a CPS worker with a role in the case, you can view historical and current information on an individual in your case even if they have been reported in another district. You can view this information for any stage, open or closed where the individual is part of the case composition.

For further information on this topic, please refer to the CONNECTIONS Security Step By Step Guide, page 17 posted on the CONNECTIONS intranet on the Security page.

The Uniform Case Record (UCR) Regulations...

The child welfare regulations amending the Uniform Case Record (UCR) and supporting the associated components of CONNECTIONS were filed on July 14, 2005. They will appear in the August 3, 2005 State Register, and become effective as final regulations as of that date. The regulations, among other things, also change the time frame for Title IV-E re-determinations from every six months to every twelve months; establish a new provision to provide standards regarding access to foster care records by adults who were non-adopted former foster children; and establish procedures for the transference, notification and plan requirements concerning foster care records when a voluntary authorized agency ceases operation.

A number of non-substantive changes have been made to these regulations since they were published for public comment. The complete filing package, along with a summary of changes made since publication can be found on the CONNECTIONS intranet on the Implementation page.

CONNECTIONS Printer Replacement Project...

OCFS is pleased to announce that the existing HP/5si and IBM/4312 CONNECTIONS baseline network printers will be replaced. The replacement will begin July 11, 2005 and will continue through September 30, 2005. Please note that the NYS Office for Technology, CNS Equipment Installation Unit has contacted each local district and agency and has completed a site survey. As such, each district and agency will receive a letter from the NYS Office for Technology, CNS Equipment Installation Unit with the date of the installation and the instructions that the technician will be using to install the printers.

Dragon Naturally Speaking Training...

Just a note, that a communication was forwarded on July 1st, from Bill Travis, regarding training on Dragon Naturally Speaking. For more info on this training you may contact Boris Rabovsky, CONNECTIONS Training, at 1.518.474.8899.

When CONNECTIONS Will Not Be Available...

- Friday, 7/15/05 from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- Wednesday, 7/20/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- Friday, 7/22/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM