

CONNECTIONS WEEKLY

July 1 - 8, 2005



Happy 4th of July



Save the Dates...

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**! We ask that you print all documentation that you have recorded in the Preview environment and intend to file in the actual case record by COB on July 7, 2005. That data will not be available after the Preview refresh on July 8th. **Monday, July 18th** is Day 1 implementation of Build 18 for Waves 8 and 9.

Build 18.3...

Build was successfully released early Saturday morning, June 25th! For info on the content of the Build see the CONNECTIONS Build 18.3 Release Notes on the Home and Implementation pages of the CONNECTIONS intranet site.

Accessing the New and Improved Version of the District/Agency Profile (DAP)...

The District/Agency Profile (DAP) has been *revised* with a number of user-friendly features. You can now search on the DAP! The database was also moved to a new server. The new web address, (<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/dpm/>), is also posted on the CONNECTIONS intranet on the Implementation page.

A few notes about signing into the DAP:

Users who get a sign in screen must enter their NT ID, password and domain (which is, HSEN). A special note for NIS and VPN sites: users must type in their domain (HSEN)\NT ID in the User Name field, and then their password. Please note that in order to access the DAP users must have the appropriate permissions (you must be someone that the district or agency has identified as being allowed

access to the DAP.) For users requiring permissions to access this document please contact your CONNECTIONS Regional Office Implementation Field Support representative.

“Quick Tips”...

A clarification on the FASP Visiting Plan Window...

At this time, the Primary Location, Frequency, Duration and Visiting Plan Status fields are *not* highlighted in yellow in order to show they are *required* for completion of the Visiting Plan Tab. Please note, that in order to complete the FASP Visiting Plan, users must select information from the drop down fields for Primary Location, Frequency, Duration and Visiting Plan Status.

This clarification is also noted in a revised version of the CONNECTIONS Build 18 Implementation Issues Document ~ Version 5.

Here is the Link to the VPN Request Form and Documentation for State Owned CIABs...

A note about VPN requests...

Those who wish to apply for the Virtual Private Network solution (VPN) for *state CIAB computers* may complete the application that is located on the New York State OCFS internet site at the following address: <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/vpn>. Please note that programs that wish to apply for the VPN solution for *state laptops* may also complete the application but, those applications will be held by the New York State Office for Technology in order to adequately address an issue related to security. We expect this issue to be resolved shortly and will then continue to process the applications that have been received from the programs that have applied for the VPN solution for *state laptops*.

When CONNECTIONS Will Not Be Available...

- Friday, 7/1/05 from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- Wednesday, 7/6/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- Friday, 7/8/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM