

CONNECTIONS WEEKLY

July 22 – 29, 2005



Build 18.3.75

Build 18.3.75 will be implemented on Saturday morning, July 23rd, beginning at 5:30AM completing at 10:00AM. The Build fixes were communicated on Wednesday, July 20th and are posted on the CONNECTIONS website on both the Home and Implementation pages. We ask that users be logged off of the application by 5:15AM on Saturday, July 23rd.

Just a Note on Submitting a Plan Amendment...

With the implementation of Build 18.3.75, users inability to submit a Plan Amendment will be resolved!

A Successful Wave 8 and 9 Implementation...

On Monday, July 18th Waves 8 and 9 were successfully implemented! The Departments of Social Services included in these Waves are: Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. In addition, there are also twenty voluntary agencies included in these Waves.

Save the Date...

As a point of note, on Monday, August 8th, the program that runs after conversion that closes cases with no open stages but open status, will be run for those districts in Waves 8 and 9.

A Note About Dragon Naturally Speaking Training...

A communication was forwarded on Wednesday, July 20th, to Implementation Coordinators and Staff Development Coordinators to let them know that participants can now register for the Dragon Naturally Speaking training in STARS!

“Did You Know...”

The CONNECTIONS Intranet Website

*Question...*Did you know, that there is a place, at your fingertips, to get various information on CONNECTIONS?

*Answer...*There is, and it is from the CONNECTIONS intranet website. The website has info on Build implementation/schedules, training, security, the OCFS

Data Warehouse and lots more. Check it out at:
<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/> .

Secure Socket Layer Virtual Private Network (SSL/VPN) Info...

The Office of Children & Family Services is pleased to announce the offering of Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Virtual Private Network (VPN) to local districts and voluntary agencies for use with non-state owned equipment. The offering document, *Remote Access Acceptable Use Memo Of Understanding*, and SSL VPN request form will be available on the OCFS internet website (<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/vpn/sslvpn/>) on Monday, July 25, 2005. Please note that the site will be available for reviewing the documents and submitting requests on Monday, 7/25/05.

The Supervisory Functions Step by Step Guide Was Revised...

There is a revised version of the CONNECTIONS Supervisory Functions System Build 18 Job Aid posted on the website on the Home and Desk/Job Aid pages.

When CONNECTIONS Will Not Be Available...

- **Friday, 7/22/05** from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- **Saturday, 7/23/05** from 5:30AM – 10:00AM
- **Wednesday, 7/27/05** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- **Friday, 7/29/05** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM