

# CONNECTIONS WEEKLY SYSTEM UPDATE



## Memo

To: Implementation Coordinators

From: CONNECTIONS Communications

CC: LAN Administrators, Keyusers, OCFS -Directors of Services,  
CONNECTIONS Project Team

Date: June 20, 2002

Re: Weekly System Update--06/21/2002 Week's Activities

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## 1. CONNECTIONS Build 15

**A). Clarification: Person Type** – With the advent of Build 15, we have heard from users requesting clarification on “Person Type”:

All individuals listed in CPS cases or Foster/Adoptive (FAD) Homes in CONNECTIONS are assigned a “Person Type” of either *principal* or *collateral*. The “Person Type” identifies the person’s relationship to the case. In the majority of situations, individuals listed in CPS cases or FAD Homes in CONNECTIONS will be identified as *principals*.

- **CPS** defines *principal* as including children allegedly in need of protection; all other siblings in the home; all parents and parent substitutes who are part of the household; everyone responsible for the care, custody, or welfare of the children, even if not a parent or parent substitute and each alleged subject of child abuse/maltreatment.
- **FAD** defines *principal* as all household members including foster parents, other adults living in the home, biological children and foster children over the age of 18.

The Role Code of a *collateral* is always identified as “**No Role**” whether individuals are listed in either CPS cases or FAD Homes. The term

*collateral* would be used to identify an individual, in either a CPS case or a FAD Home, who provides additional information on a case/stage, but who is not a *principal*.

**B). FAD** – As referenced in prior CONNECTIONS Weekly Updates, the Communication Team has set up an area on the CONNECTIONS Intranet Website to address FAD issues. Most of the identified FAD problems were corrected in the Build 15.02 patch that was distributed over the weekend of (6/15/02). If you have not visited the Intranet Website, we would encourage FAD workers to do so <http://sdssnet5/ocfs/connect/>. The CONNECTIONS Communication Team will continue to provide current information regarding any identified system problems on the CONNECTIONS Intranet Site.

**2. CONNECTIONS Desktop PC Replacement Project :**

We are pleased to announce that CONNECTIONS has received approval from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services to replace the remaining 25% of the CONNECTIONS baseline desktop personal computers. We anticipate rollout of the new personal computers beginning in early September 2002. In the next few weeks, we will be providing correspondence regarding the implementation schedule, reconciliation lists and other details.

**3. CONNECTIONS System Down Time**

Due to regularly scheduled maintenance CONNECTIONS will be unavailable on:

Friday, 06/21/2002 from 5:00 am - 7:00 am  
Friday, 06/28/2002 from 5:00 am - 7:00 am

**4. Microsoft Exchange Servers**

Due to regularly scheduled maintenance on MS Exchange E-mail 5.0 servers, all Exchange E-mail 5.0 servers will be unavailable on:

Sunday, 06/23/2002 from 1:00 am - 6:00 am  
Sunday, 06/30/2002 from 1:00 am - 6:00 am