

CONNECTIONS WEEKLY

May 6-13, 2005



Date Change for Build 18.2

In order to accommodate both the intended fixes in the Build, as well as fixes that have been requested by users, it was necessary to shift the date of implementation of Build 18.2 to *Friday, May 13, 2005*. Please note, due to the change in the content of this Build, the communication related to the identified fixes has been postponed. We expect to have a final document, that will incorporate all of the fixes that will be included in Build 18.2, out to users by Monday, May 9th.

We will communicate information related to the scheduled downtime for this Build when that time has been determined.

Day 1 Implementation for Waves 5 and 6 West!

Monday, May 16th is Day 1 implementation of Build 18 for Waves 5 and 6 West. The Departments of Social Services that are included in these waves are: Erie, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming. Twenty-two voluntary agencies are also included in these waves.

Successful Day 1 Implementation for Waves 3 and 4!

Monday, May 2nd marked the successful Day 1 implementation of Build 18 for Waves 3 and 4! This implementation included the Departments of Social Services of Chemung, Steuben, Broome, Chenango, Madison, Schulyer, Seneca, Yates, Livingston, Ontario Monroe and Wayne counties and twenty-four voluntary agencies.

CONNECTIONS Build 18 Implementation Issues ~ Version 2 ~ 5/2/05 Document

In an effort to communicate the outstanding implementation issues and their associated workarounds directly with users, we have created the CONNECTIONS Build 18 Implementation Issues document. Please note that this document replaces a previous document titled *Changes, Enhancements and Fixes to the Build*. As the implementation issues included in the CONNECTIONS Build 18 Implementation Issues document are resolved we will communicate this through

the document in the Status Column. A copy of this document was emailed to the field on May 2nd. The document is also posted on the Implementation page of the CONNECTIONS Intranet under the sub-title, Build 18 Implementation Issues.

Just a Reminder...

Preview will not be available on *Friday, May 20th* as the Preview environment will be refreshed for Waves 6 East and 7. On *Monday, May 23rd* Preview will be available for use by Waves 8, 9 and 10 and a refreshed Preview environment will be available for Waves 6 East and 7.

Save the Date

Monday, June 6th is Day 1 implementation for Waves 6 East and 7. The Departments of Social Services that are included in these waves are: Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, St. Lawrence, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, St. Regis, Albany, Fulton, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington. There are twenty-nine voluntary agencies included in these waves.

Agency Access and Maintain Organizational Hierarchy Business Functions...

Please remember that the Agency Access or Maintain Organizational Hierarchy business functions cannot be assigned unless the person has a valid NT ID and is not in a conversion unit.

Wave 11 Training Begins

The Wave 11 training document was communicated on Thursday, May 5th. For a copy of the Wave 11 training document please refer to the Training & Schedule page of the CONNECTIONS intranet website. The path to the site is: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect>.

CONNECTIONS System Down Time

- Friday, 5/6/05 from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- Wednesday, 5/11/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- Friday, 5/13/05 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM