

CONNECTIONS

Build 15.1 Overview

VACANCY CONTROL

Vacancy Control will allow districts and agencies the ability to maintain bed level vacancies and characteristics for the facilities they authorize. OCFS and local districts will also have the ability to remove a facility from the vacancy control search, and to identify Agencies that have neighborhood based service contracts.

Three new Business Functions can be assigned locally to allow local workers the ability to “view” or “maintain” information in relation to the Vacancy Control process.

Using Vacancy Control, districts and agencies can conduct a search for bed level vacancies that meet the needs of children for whom a placement is required. Vacancy Control search combines existing CONNECTIONS licensing information with vacancy control data to provide real time access to vacant bed information. Local users can identify particular search elements and/or utilize filters to refine a search. An exact search can also be conducted using Resource or vendor ID numbers. Based on search results received, a vacant bed can then be designated as “occupied” or “reserved” for a particular child.

With the implementation of Build 15.1, Vacancy Control will be operational in New York City ACS and the Voluntary Agencies that have a contract with ACS. Pre-implementation activities have included conversion of information in CONNECTIONS to support new processes.

The CONNECTIONS Online Help System has also been updated and enhanced for Build 15.1 to incorporate Vacancy Control information.

LOCAL DATA MAINTENANCE

Build 15.1 includes additional data maintenance capabilities for both Foster and Adoptive Home (FAD) Stages and CPS Investigation Stages with implementation of the Local Data Maintenance window. The Local Data Maintenance window supports four data maintenance functions. These functions are: Person Demographics, Add/Relate Person, Allegation Maintenance, and Investigation Conclusion Maintenance. In FAD, Local Data Maintenance will allow local users to update demographics information for on individuals in closed Stages. In CPS Investigation Stages, local data maintenance supports the update demographics function for individuals in Closed Stages as well as the three additional functions. Access to the Local Data Maintenance functions will be determined by the assignment of two new Business Function to be implemented with Build 15.1