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## Informational Letter

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**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Informational Letter is to provide an update regarding the CONNECTIONS system. OCFS has scheduled the move of Child Care Review Service (CCRS) functionality into the CONNECTIONS system on or about August 1, 2014. Once the transfer of functionality is complete, CCRS child specific data will no longer be accessed through the Legacy Systems, but functionality will reside in CONNECTIONS. CCRS Facility File data will remain on the Legacy System for Welfare Management System (WMS) processing purposes.

**II. Background**

CONNECTIONS is New York's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). In 1993, the federal government provided financial incentives for states to develop statewide automated child welfare processes to provide more efficient and effective administration of programs. To this end, OCFS has continued to work toward incorporating child welfare automation into CONNECTIONS, including the "Legacy" Systems, which contains CCRS. The elimination of CCRS, and moving its functionality into the CONNECTIONS system positions New York State even closer to the goal of having a single, fully integrated, statewide automated child welfare information system that meets federal standards and supports the work of New York's child welfare staff.

**III. Program Implications**

CCRS is currently the system of record for tracking, placement, movement, legal, adoption and level of difficulty activities. These functions will be transferred to a new Activities window in CONNECTIONS. Upon the implementation of this window, CONNECTIONS will become the system of record for these functions. All requirements relating to the timely entry of data into CCRS will pass to CONNECTIONS upon the implementation of the Activities window.

Additional information about the new Activities window and OCFS's plans to support its implementation will be shared shortly.

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