



CONNECTIONS Tip Sheet

FAR Conversion Scenarios

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Family Assessment and Response (FAR) is a family-led, family-centered assessment process that provides an alternative intervention to a Child Protective Services Investigation in response to a report of suspected child abuse or maltreatment. When FAR was implemented as a program in 2008, it was not then possible to support all the needed changes in CONNECTIONS. New FAR functionality has since been developed and is scheduled to be implemented in January 2014. The chart below illustrates conversion plans for the various types of existing and historic FAR stages as well as any needed clean-up actions.

Stage Type	Clean-up Actions Needed	Conversion Outcome
Closed FAR Stages on the State Workload	No clean-up action needed	<p>Will convert to FAR and auto close. Closure date will be the date stage was assigned to the State Workload.</p> <p>Will look like FAR stages when reviewed on a search.</p>
INVs Marked as FAM with a Corresponding FSI/FSS not on the State Workload	No clean-up action needed	<p>Will convert to FAR and auto close.</p> <p>Will look like FAR Stage when reviewed on a search.</p>
INVs Marked as FAM with No Corresponding FSI/FSS	<p>Check to be sure the FAM checkbox is checked. This requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assessment must be approved ✓ Safety Assessment Decision less than 3 <p>If checkbox is not checked, stage will remain an INV. It's unlikely track will be able to be switched to FAR after conversion since this requires the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Must be within 7 days of Intake ✓ Must meets role, allegation and classification criteria ✓ No approved RAP ✓ No Safety Assessment with Decision greater than or equal to 3 ✓ No pending merge ✓ No FSI created from the INV 	Will convert to open FAR

Stage Type	Clean-up Actions Needed	Conversion Outcome
Open FSI/FSS (OTI/FAM)	No clean-up action needed	Will remain as is until closed
INVs marked as FAM but which, based on additional information, no longer meet the FAR criteria	No clean-up action needed if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Safety Assessment Decision is greater than or equal to 3 ✓ Any child with an AB role ✓ Allegations of Abandonment, DOA/Fatality, Malnutrition/Failure to Thrive or Sexual Abuse 	Will convert to an INV



Note: Districts may wish to review all open INVs to be certain stages will convert as expected.

Reminder: *In all areas of CONNECTIONS, you can press F1 for help*

Resources:

CONNECTIONS Step-By-Step Guides:
<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/jobaides/>

CONNECTIONS Regional Implementation Staff:
<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/contact.asp>

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