CONNECTIONS
Build 17 Highlights
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Changes for Security Coordinators and Back-up Security Coordinators

Security System Modifications

CONNECTIONS Build 17 enhancements provide new security architecture to the Case and Financial Management functionality that will be implemented with Build 18. Working in conjunction with current system security, the Build 17 security architecture will overlay the existing security structure to accommodate the needed flexibility and functionality for Family Services Intake and Family Services Stage.

Although the Build 17 security structure affects *only* Build 18 (and future) functionality, Security Coordinators will be able to use a single interface to administer the Business Functions for both the pre-Build 17 and new security functionality. Security for pre-Build 17 functionality will continue to be administered as it is now. Please note that Build 17 will not affect Child Protective Services or Foster Adoptive Home Development (FAD) functionality.

Specific changes are as follows:

➢ **Changes to the CONNECTIONS Toolbar**
   Build 17 adds new commands to the **Options** and **Maintain** menus on the CONNECTIONS Toolbar, in order to provide access to the new Organizational Hierarchy and Agency Access functionalities. Choices include: View or Maintain access.

➢ **Enhancements to the *Staff Security* window**
   Build 17 adds four new elements to the *Staff Security* window:
   • **Job Types** field
   • **Selected Job Types Only** check box
   • **Selected Business Functions Only** check box > available for all Business Functions
   • **Attributes** button > available for all Business Functions

➢ **Enhancement in the *Unit Detail* window**
   Prior to Build 17, supervisory unit information that was recorded in CONNECTIONS was not captured by the system for use in other windows. With the implementation of Build 17, the **Supervisory Unit** field on the *Unit Detail* window will be blank until the supervisory unit information is recorded on the *Organizational Hierarchy* window and then will display that information.

➢ **Incorporation of *Organizational Hierarchy* and *Agency Access* windows**
   Organizational Hierarchy: Build 17 provides new functionality to enable designated staff from local districts and voluntary agencies to establish an organizational hierarchy in CONNECTIONS that best represents their own organizational structure.

Agency Access: Build 17 enables designated staff to provide access privileges to workers within their own district/agencies.

It should be noted that instructions identifying how to designate staff will be forthcoming.

> **Additional Business Functions**
> New Business Functions will be added to provide for the new functionality.

Changes for all CONNECTIONS Users

Person Merge Modifications

Modifications have been made to the Person Merge functionality in order to re-calculate a person's role when two people in the same stage are merged.

Auto Recovery System Modifications

Modifications have been made to the Auto Recovery process to allow it to retrieve the saved version of a document from a workers local drive only when the worker goes back to the same document in a 'Modify' mode. The changes can then be saved to the database and the narrative will not be lost.

Changes for Child Protective Services

Progress Notes Modifications

Other modifications to the Progress Notes functionality include:
- Improvements in the navigation between the Grid and Detail window.
- Modification of the report layout which will make the report easier to read.
- The ability to print the Progress Notes report in the same order that the grid is sorted.
- When the Progress Notes are in View Only, the type, method and purpose drop down boxes can be seen.

Progress Notes Instructions (ACS only)

In Build 17, a new functionality called Progress Notes Instructions allows participating districts to enter and display instructions on the same screen where workers enter the progress notes narrative. This is an optional feature available to participating districts across the state. This feature supports the collection of all pertinent progress notes information in the progress notes narrative.

ACS Local Protocol CPRT Template (ACS only)

The ACS Local Protocol CPRT Template has been revised to reflect the scripted instructions for Progress Notes.

Changes for FAD

Home License Window Modifications

The Home License window was modified so that out-of-state foster and adoptive homes could be re-certified without fingerprint and medical dates since they are not required if the home is out-of-state.