~ The CONNECTIONS WEEKLY ~
November 24th ~ December 1, 2006

Update on the WMS and CONNECTIONS and Retroactive Payments...

Please note that the activity to support this implementation is scheduled for *this coming* weekend. This implementation is related to local districts ONLY.

It is expected that, as of Monday, November 27th, the WMS system will begin to support the reopening of Closed Cases linked to CONNECTIONS (CCRS indicator 'Y') in order to authorize retroactive payments exclusively within WMS. The process has been tested and a General Information System (GIS) message, explaining, in detail, the methodology behind the process as well as the processing steps was forwarded to local district Directors of Services and WMS Coordinators for distribution to Casework Supervisors, Caseworkers, Data Entry Operators and Accounting staff.

Check Your Mailbox Lately???

In an effort to communicate more efficiently, the Office for Technology recently initiated a project to identify inactive users' mailboxes. The OCFS Division of Information Technology is partnering with OFT around this initiative and will be forwarding a letter to agency Executive Directors defining the steps that need to be taken relative to these mailboxes.

Now Available ~ The LAN Administrators Support Guide...

For your reference, the revised Office for Technology CNS HSEN LAN Administrators Support Guide is now available! The Guide has a lot of very useful information for both district and agency LAN Administrators. A few of the topics that he Guide addresses are: reporting problems to the Help Desk, OFT SEC and Security roles, info on NYSeMail, printer management and many, many more topics! The Guide can be accessed via the following address: http://sdc.oft.state.nyenet/crcc/itsuplib/da_doc/. Take a look!!!

Want to Know What Has Been Modified, Enhanced or Added to CONNECTIONS Since the Implementation of Build 18?...

If so, we have compiled all of the application modifications since the implementation of Build 18 into one document! Users had requested that there be an easy, 'one-stop-shopping' way to gather all of the system changes since the inception of Build 18.   It took a bit of work, but we have completed this document!   There are general headings in the document that guide the user through all of the modifications, enhancements and fixes from Build 18 through 18.8.5.   For your convenience, we have posted the Summary Guide to the CONNECTIONS website on the Home page.   We hope that you find this information helpful!

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet...

The following document(s) were recently posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website:

- The CONNECTIONS Weekly

Weekly System Maintenance...
CONNECTIONS Application Downtime...

- ***Friday, 11/24/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Wednesday, 11/29/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Friday 12/1/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM