..THE CONNECTIONS WEEKLY..
June 13 – June 20, 2008

Oracle 10G Upgrade Issue-Progress

In the last CONNECTIONS weekly we alerted you about an issue concerning the CONNECTIONS database upgrade to Oracle 10G where data in tables that were created in Build 18.9.6 was not viewable in production. The areas impacted were: AFCARS Foster care and Adoption Information, FASP Comments for Life Skills, Out of State Check for Fingerprints in FAD homes, and Bridges to Health - all waiver, assessment scores and services data.

During the past week significant progress was made to load these tables. All areas requiring work except for Life Skills comments are now complete. The data that has been re-loaded is now viewable in production. We will keep you apprised of the status to reload the Life Skills comments. Please contact the triage unit if you have any questions via Ocfs.sm.conn_app@ocfs.state.ny.us

Q2-08 (Build 18.9.7) Implementation Tools

Impact Analyses

Two impact analyses have been posted to the home and implementation pages of the CONNECTIONS website to assist Local Districts and Agencies implement new features being introduced with Q2-08. These impact analyses describe the new Prior Case Summary Report that will be available to CPS workers and the new MAINT EDUCATION Business Function.

Job Aid

The Job aid is intended for all CONNECTIONS users. It provides a detail overview of the system changes being introduced with the Q2-08 Quarterly improvements to the CONNECTIONS system. The Job Aid is available online on the CONNECTIONS intranet site.

Multiple Person Report

There was an error with the June report due to issues caused by the Oracle 10G upgrade. The report is currently not available for use and work is currently underway to resolve those issues. We anticipate the report will be available during this coming week and we will inform you when it is ready for use.

Upgrading CONNECTIONS Workstations to Windows XP Note: This item was also included in last week's Bulletin)

On June 3, 2008, New York State Office for Technology(OFT) issued OFT/CIO Customer Bulletin (08-CNS-01) to inform that by the end of 2009, all OCFS owned workstations on the Customer Networking Solutions(CNS) managed network will need to be upgraded to the Windows XP SP2 operating system.

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For more specific information please review the attached Bulletin which is also posted on the OFT website: http://www.oft.state.ny.us/Services/Bulletins/bulletins.htm

08-CNS-01 Windows
XP UpgradeFinalAppr

GIS Message GIS 08-#005-New Income Eligibility Standards 6/1/08-5/31/09 Note: This item was also included in last week's Bulletin)

This is to advise that the new income standards to be used in determining eligibility for Services are now in production and will be reflected in WMS Services case processing effective June 2, 2008.

The new income standards were promulgated in 08-OCFS-INF-05, issued on April 16, 2008 which can be found under "Informational Letters"

The new standards are also reflected in the Eligibility Manual for Child Welfare Programs, located in: *http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/eligibility/*

The GIS message is attached to this e-mail and GIS messages are available in public folders:

> *All Public Folders/dfa.state.ny.us/OCFS/TSU/ ***Services systems Reference Documents/ GIS (system change notices)*

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Income Eligibi...

Postponement of Upgrade to Internet Explorer Version 7-- New Implementation Date... Note: This item was also included in last week's Bulletin)

Last week we announced that an upgrade to Internet Explorer 7 was planned for June 6, 2008. However, this upgrade has been postponed. The new implementation date for local districts and voluntary agencies is **August 29, 2008**.

When it does occur, this upgrade will EXCLUDE customer machines running Windows 2000, because Internet Explorer Version 7 does not run on Windows 2000 machines.

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet…

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

- The CONNECTIONS Weekly for the week of June 13, 2008
- Build 18.9.7 Job Aid v1.0 posted the week of June 6, 2008

Weekly System Maintenance…

Due to regularly scheduled system maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will not be available on…

- Friday, 6/13/08 from 4:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- Wednesday, 6/18/08 from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
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