**CONNECTIONS Weekly Technical Bulletin**

**Issues Tentatively Scheduled to be fixed Friday, August 7**

Due to regularly scheduled maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will be unavailable on:

1. **Friday, August 7, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
2. **Wednesday, August 12, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
3. **Friday, August 14, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**

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**WMS Discrepancy Report to Re-Run this Weekend**

The WMS Discrepancy Report received by select recipients over the weekend of July 31-August 2 contains invalid data and should be disregarded. A new, correct version of the report will be run this weekend, August 7-9, and will be available to identified recipients via the Reports tab of CONNECTIONS by Monday, August 10.

**Activities Coding Guide Now Available**

The Activities Window Coding Guide, updated in February 2015, is now available on the CONNECTIONS website at the following links:

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**New GIS Message: Activity (CCRS) Records Restored**

A new General Information System (GIS) message is now available: GIS #15-007 — Activity (CCRS) Records Restored.

The purpose of this GIS is to notify local departments of social services (LDSS) that Activity (CCRS) records previously removed from the CCRS Mainframe database in September 2014 have been restored.

For more detail, please visit the GIS Website at the GIS Website.

**NYS HSEN Internet Access**

The below message was recently distributed to Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) Commissioners and System Coordinators:

ZScaler is the system that filters Internet access on the NYS HSEN network. Due to a recent system upgrade of Zcaler, local districts are now able to grant Internet access and run Internet usage reports for their district.

Each county will be asked to delegate individuals to fill three roles for this new process: someone to approve the access (likely the commissioner), someone to grant the access (likely your LAN Admin), and someone to run the Internet usage reports (usually someone from Human Resources).

Please note that for internal control purposes, the person that approves access should not be the person that grants access. Your ITS Customer Relations Team will be sending out a spreadsheet to collect this information in a subsequent email.

OCFS and OTDA are asking that you do not provide access to Facebook (or any other social media site) at this time. The agencies are currently working together on guidelines for access to social media to be distributed to local districts.

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