Upcoming Build to CONNECTIONS:
State Education Data Window and Updates to Progress Notes

The next build to the CONNECTIONS application is tentatively scheduled for implementation on Friday, January 22, during the regularly scheduled 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. morning maintenance window and will include the new State Education Data window as well as updates to Progress Notes.

The new **State Education Data** window will provide a transfer of past educational information from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to CONNECTIONS for children who are currently in foster care. The window will be accessible from the Education window of a Family Services Stage (FSS) for children who have a Program Choice of “Placement.” Educational information will include grade level, courses and grades, assessments, programs, attendance records, and standardized testing scores.

A Quick Start Guide on the State Education Data window is forthcoming.

**Updates to Progress Notes**, tentatively scheduled for implementation on January 22, will accelerate the creation of Print Reports in CONNECTIONS as well as display print reports in Microsoft Word, as opposed to the PDF version displayed in the current Progress Notes module. The Word display will enable users to easily copy progress notes from CONNECTIONS and paste into other stages or documents.

More detailed information on both the State Education Data window and updates to Progress Notes is available in the CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin, released on Wednesday, January 6. ([Intranet](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/) / [Internet](http://ocfs.ny.gov/connect/))