CONNECTIONS Weekly Technical Bulletin

New GIS Message:
Removal of Child Care DIR and POS Records from WMS

A new General Information System (GIS) message is now available: Removal of Child Care DIR and POS Records from WMS.

GIS # 16-005: The purpose of this GIS message is to notify local departments of social services that in order to create more space on the Welfare Management System (WMS), Child Care Direct Services (DIR) and Purchase of Services (POS) records on WMS Services cases (Case Type 40) that have been closed for at least seven years will be removed. Records will only be removed from cases that have no DIR authorized for any individual on the case other than Child Care. This process will be ongoing, with the first records having been removed the weekend of 03/13/16.

More detailed information on GIS #16-001, as well as past GIS messages, is available on the OCFS website at:
http://ocfs.state.nyenet/it/GeneralResources/GeneralResourcesDefault.asp

Upcoming CONNECTIONS Build:
Family Services Stage—Phase 4

The next build to the CONNECTIONS application is tentatively scheduled for implementation in early to mid May and will include the modernization of the Family Assessment and Service Plan (FASP) and the Service Plan Review (SPR), as well as new functionality to support The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.

The FASP and SPR of the Family Services Stage (FSS) will be updated to a modernized user interface, consistent with other modernized CONNECTIONS modules such as Child Protective Services Investigation (INV) and Family Services Intake (FSI). Overall functionality, as well as security access rules, will remain essentially the same.

Additionally, new edits and windows will be introduced to further support The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.

Training and other support documentation will be made available to assist staff in preparation for implementation.

The most recent edition of the CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin, available on both the Intranet and Internet, provides more detailed information on anticipated changes and training and support.