

Note: Symbols at the top of each article, indicate whether it refers to the Cognos PowerPlay/Impromptu environment PP/IM or the Cognos ReportNet environment RN

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User Groups

Be among the first to hear about new reports and changes in the Data Warehouse by joining our Regional User Groups. Meetings are conducted quarterly via conference call.

The next meetings are scheduled as follows:

Regions	Date & Time
NYC/Yonkers	Nov 14 @ 1pm
Buffalo/Rochester	Nov 14 @ 2pm
Albany/Syracuse	Nov 15 @ 2pm

For call-in information, contact Jennifer Gordon via Outlook.

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Quick Tips

Get to know the [Adoption Specialist](#) at your Regional Office. S/he can access adoption reports that are not available to "regular" Data Warehouse users. For example, there is a new Adoption Specialist report called "Children Freed not in a new case" that lists children that have been freed for adoption and have not been assigned a new Case ID, yet.

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Trend Reports

Create a [new PowerPlay report](#) with the Admissions to Foster Care Summary cube or the Discharges from Foster Care Summary cube. By simply selecting one of these cubes, you will generate a "default" report with one column of data for each year since 1998 – an instant trend report!

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Geography Changes

Minor changes have been made to the Geography data structure in PowerPlay and Impromptu. Agency name "DFY" is now "OCFS Rehabilitation Services," and agency name "SCR" is now "OCFS State Central Registry." These two agencies comprise the new Region 9 called "OCFS Offices." A spreadsheet – [Geography Structure \(updated 10-25-06\)](#) – outlines these changes and is located in the User Tools folder on the welcome screen.

Attention: Voluntaries

There are dozens of predefined reports in the Data Warehouse that can assist Voluntary Agencies. Here is a sample of them:

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[Discharges from Foster Care Summary Report](#): displays the total number of children discharged during a selected time period, including a demographic breakdown and average time in care.

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[Facility Summary List Report](#): lists all Accepted-Active and Emergency foster homes and congregate care facilities.

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[FASPs Due Detail organized by Worker](#): displays all overdue FASPs and FASPs coming due within 30 days.

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Cognos Upgrade

In early 2007, we will be upgrading our software from Cognos 7 to [Cognos 8](#). Cognos 8 is very similar to our current ReportNet environment. As a result, all PowerPlay/Impromptu reports will be migrated from the current windows-based environment into a new web-based environment. The Data Warehouse Team is currently preparing the predefined reports, Impromptu catalogs, and PowerPlay cubes for Cognos 8. As the transition draws near, we will provide technical assistance to users that need help upgrading reports stored on T drives. Having said that, this is a good time to start cleaning out your T drive and deleting reports and files you no longer use.

We will keep you posted, as we get closer to the transition to Cognos 8. For now, please continue to use the current PowerPlay/Impromptu environment for your CCRS, CPS, and facility-related reporting needs.

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Upcoming Trainings

The Data Warehouse training [November 1st in NYC](#) is the final PowerPlay/Impromptu training class of the year. For other training options, contact Jennifer Gordon via Outlook.

SPRs Outstanding Detail Report

The **SPRs Outstanding Detail** report is the latest Case Management report released in the ReportNet environment. It is located in the "OCFS DW – SPR Reports" folder. The report can help supervisors and managers monitor the scheduling and completion of SPRs. It provides a list of SPRs that have been recorded in CONNECTIONS since

7/8/06 and not marked as held. Only SPRs that are entered in CONNECTIONS will appear in this report. For more information on the SPRs Outstanding Detail report, download the SPR Reports Step by Step Guide from the Data Warehouse area of the CONNECTIONS Intranet site, located at ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse.

SPRs Outstanding Detail (LDSS)																
Report sorted by: Worker Name																
LDSS/Agency Name : A97 - Hudson County Dss											Report Date : Sep 1, 2006					
Site Code/Unit Number : ALL											Data as of Date : Aug 31, 2006					
Stage Type : CCR, CWS											Sort by : Worker Name					
Number of SPR Activities : 4																
Worker Name	Worker Role	Worker Agency	Worker Site Code and Unit	Case ID	Case Name	CID	Stage ID	Stage Type	FASP Type	FASP Status	FASP Due Date	SPR Activity ID	SPR Scheduled Date	SPR Days Due		
Bumble, Bea	FSS Case Planner	Z20	4C - CWS	22222222	Charlie, Carolyn	3/17/05	23000002	CWS	REA	PROC	9/17/06	450003	9/6/06	6		
Fox, Frank	FSS Case Worker	Z20	4C - CWS	22222222	Charlie, Carolyn	3/17/05	23000002	CWS	REA	PROC	9/17/06	450003	9/6/06	6		
# Giselle, Geraldine	FSS Case Manager	A97	1A1 - 002	00000000	Alpha, Linda	6/13/05	23000000	CWS	REA	NLNC	1/9/07	430009	9/12/06	12		
# Giselle, Geraldine	FSS Case Manager	A97	1A1 - 002	00000000	Alpha, Linda	6/13/05	23000000	CWS	REA	NLNC	1/9/07	460006	9/12/06	12		
# Llama, Larry	FSS Case Manager	A97	1A1 - 002	22222222	Charlie, Carolyn	3/17/05	23000002	CWS	REA	PROC	9/17/06	450003	9/6/06	6		
# Llama, Larry	FSS Case Manager	A97	1A1 - 002	11111111	Beach, Jodi	1/29/04	23000001	CWS	REA	PROC	7/29/06	420008	7/21/06	-41		
Robins, Rachel	FSS Case Worker	Z01	9B9 - C5	00000000	Alpha, Linda	6/13/05	23000000	CWS	REA	NLNC	1/9/07	430009	9/12/06	12		
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Turtle, Tracey	FSS Case Worker	Z20	4C - CWS	11111111	Beach, Jodi	1/29/04	23000001	CWS	REA	PROC	7/29/06	420008	7/21/06	-41		

Which FASP Report Should I Use?

There has been some confusion about whether to use the FASPs Due Detail report or the Due FASP Activities report. The output for the two reports is different because the reports have different purposes:

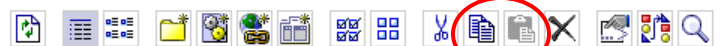
- The **FASPs Due Detail report** is a "FASP to-do" report. It lists FASPs that staff needs to act on – overdue or coming due within 30 days. A FASP will appear on the FASPs Due Detail report if your agency has a role in the FSS.
- The **Due FASP Activities report** is a "submitter-approver" report. It lists submitted FASPs with a due date in the range selected at the report prompts. A FASP will appear on the Due FASP Activities report if your agency submitted the FASP and/or has a role in the approval.

Use the FASPs Due Detail report to view FASPs that your agency needs to work on, and use the Due FASP Activities report to view the status of submitted FASPs in which your agency has an approval role.

Technical Assistance Folder

The **OCFS DW – Technical Assistance** folder, located in the Public Folders area, is available as a point of transfer for your ReportNet reports. We recommend the Technical Assistance folder be used only as a temporary location to move reports back and forth between colleagues and/or the Data Warehouse Team. Storing reports in the Technical Assistance folder for an extended amount of time may result in the reports being modified or deleted by other users.

To move a predefined report between the Public Folders and My Folders area, simply place a check mark in the box next to the report name, and click once on the Copy toolbar button. Then, move to the location where you want to paste the report, and click once on the Paste toolbar button.



Important: The Data Warehouse Team is not responsible for files stored in the Technical Assistance folder.

Contact Us

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