



..CONNECTIONS NEWS..

for the week of February 13 - 20, 2009

Developing a more caseworker centric system

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AFCARS INFO - Children Served With Missing Clinical Diagnosis Report Changes

The local district (LDSS) and voluntary agency (VA) detail reports for Children Served with Missing Clinical Diagnosis have been replaced with Summary reports that provide a breakdown of agencies by Case Planner (LDSS version) or Case Manager (VA version). Access to Detail information - including Case, Stage, and Health Responsibility information for each child - is available via a drill-thru link in the Summary report.

The Discharge Date has been added to the detail reports and children discharged less than 30 days from admission have been excluded from the report. The data has been refreshed as of February 4th. Also, the on-line report documentation has been updated. Please refer to the Release Notes for more information. They are posted to the Data Warehouse page of the CONNECTIONS intranet website and can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse/>.



****ALERT** OCI Monthly Report Series for January**

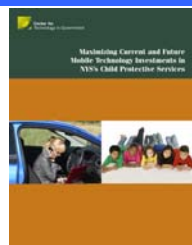
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A new version of the OCI Monthly Report Series (the Monthly Management Report, the Monthly Management Summary Report and the Statewide Totals Report) was run this past weekend (February 7th-8th). The new version contained some date inaccuracies which resulted in an increase in totals.

We will run the reports again on Sunday, 2/15 using the previous code. A word of caution; the reports run the weekend of 2/7-8/09 will still be available. So when viewing the reports please be sure to view the ones that have a "Gen Date" on the Report List of Sunday, February 15th.

We thank those of you who supplied information to help us to analyze and resolve this issue!

If you have any questions related to the report, or its contents, we ask that you contact your regional CONNECTIONS Implementation staff.



Maximizing Current and Future Mobile Technology Investments in New York State Child Protective Services

Please note that this piece was in the last edition of the "CONNECTIONS NEWS".

The Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany, SUNY recently released its study on the use of mobile technology by CPS caseworkers, entitled: *Maximizing Current and Future Mobile Technology Investments in New York State Child Protective Services*.

Laptops and other mobile technology devices were deployed in 2006 and 2007 to more than 600 caseworkers across New York State. This latest report is an extended assessment of three local Department of Social Services (New York City Administration for Children Services (ACS), Onondaga County Department of Social Services and

Wayne County Department of Social Services) that had laptops deployed to their CPS caseworkers. The goal of the report was to learn more about the impact of mobile technology over a longer period of use. The full report is posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet site and can be accessed via the following link: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/projupdt/Portable%20Tech%20OCFS%20FINAL%20REPORT%201909.pdf>.

In addition, there are three other associated reports that were compiled by The Center for Technology in Government. All three reports are on the CONNECTIONS intranet site and can be accessed via the following links:

- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - December 2006*
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable Technology OCFS Report PDF.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20OCFS%20Report%20PDF.pdf)
- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - January 2008*
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Rpt%20FULL 1-08.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Rpt%20FULL%201-08.pdf)
- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - March 2008*
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Report March%202008.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Report%20March%202008.pdf)

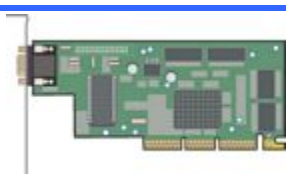
General "Info to Know"



NEW Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet

The following documents were recently posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website:

- **Children Served With Missing Clinical Diagnosis Release Notes**
<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse/>
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Weekly System Maintenance

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

- [Wednesday, 2/18/09](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- [Friday, 2/20/09](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM



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