

CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin

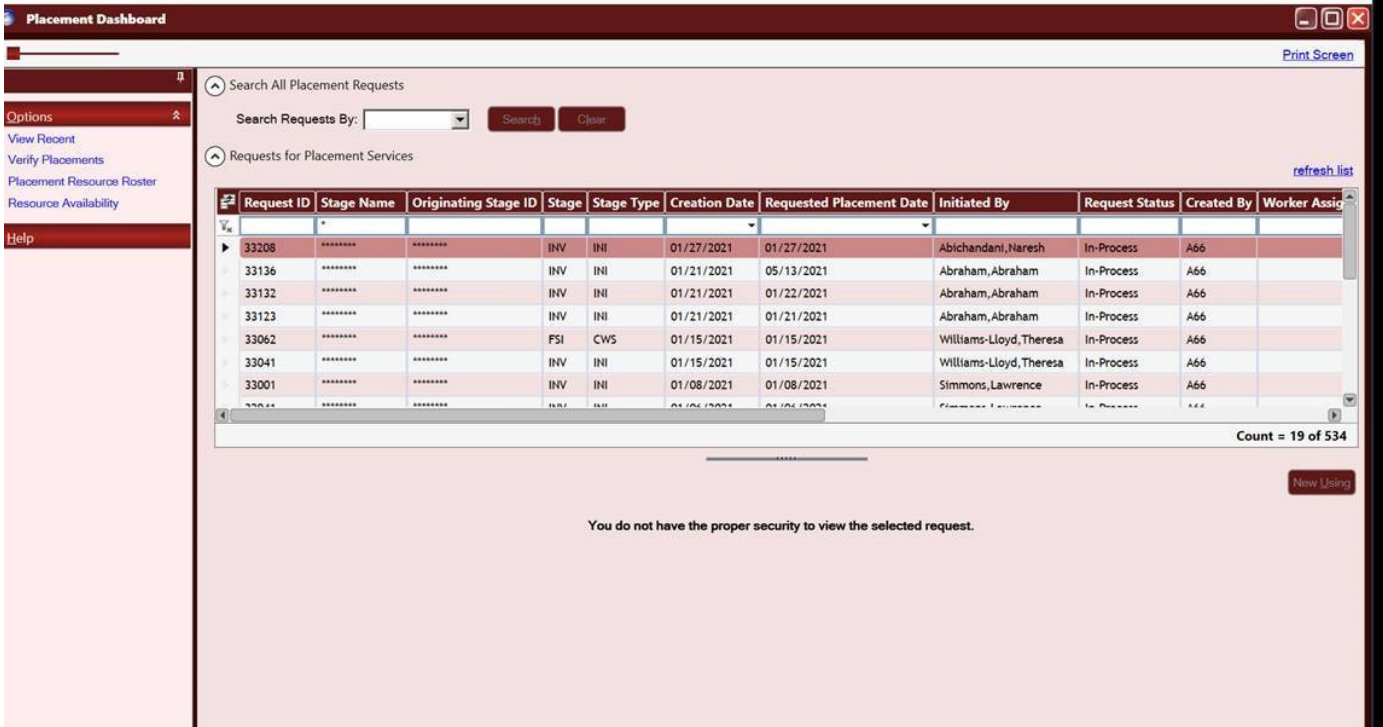
New CONNECTIONS Enhancements*: May 26, 2021 and Updated VDI Rollout Schedule

*See correction #3 below

A new CONNECTIONS Build, scheduled for implementation on Wednesday, May 26th, during the normal morning maintenance window, will include the below enhancements and changes.

1. Sensitive Cases in Placement Module

A new business function (BF), VIEW SENS DASH, has been created to control who can see the details of a placement request from the Placement Dashboard window. When a placement request is initiated from a case marked as sensitive, users that do not have the new BF will not have access to the details of the placement request. The Stage Name and Originating Stage ID in the Requests for Placement Services will be replaced with asterisks.



The new BF will also mask identifying information in the Placement Resource Roster for workers without the BF. The child's name will display as Occupied and the PID will be blank when the child is placed in foster care from a case marked as sensitive.



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Child Name	Age	Sex	Spec. Rest.	PID	Stage County	Agency Name	Resource Name	Placement Date
Smith, Adam	15	M	N	123456789	072	Jewish Child Care Assn/ Joca Ny	Edenwald Center Inc	07/18/2017
Occupied	20	F	N		001	Vanderheyden Hall	A/taad7	04/28/2021

The new BF can be assigned to LDSS, VA, regional office, DJJOY, and other state workers, and is a standalone (not bundled) BF.

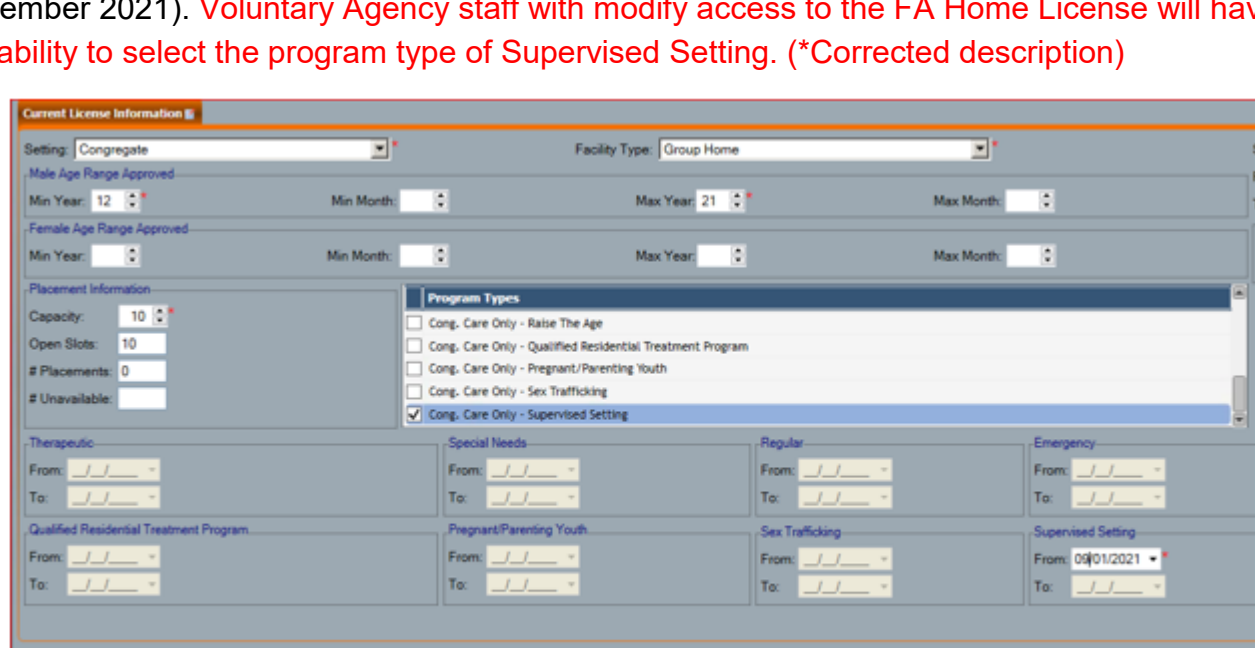
2. Changes to Activities

- The ability to insert movement records into a series of existing movement records out of date order will no longer be allowed. Activity Codes M910, M950, M960, M970, M980, M981, M982 and M990 must be entered in date order. The ability to insert M910, M950, M960, M970, M980, M981, M982 or M990 records before a M999 in date order will continue to function.
- The ability to enter movement records with the same Activity Date will no longer be allowed. When entering an Event type of M910, M950, M960, M970, M980, M981, M982 or M990 for a CIN with an Activity Date that equals any saved valid Event type of M910, M950, M960, M970, M980, M981, M982 or M990 Activity Date for that CIN, the user will receive a pop-up message, "TWO MOVEMENT CODES WITH ACTIVITY DATES FOR THE SAME CALENDAR DAY ARE NOT ALLOWED."

3. Foster Home License Family First Program Types

- Four new Family First Program types have been added to the Home License. The new Program Types are:
- ⇒ Cong. Care Only - Qualified Residential Treatment Program
 - ⇒ Cong. Care Only - Pregnant/Parenting Youth
 - ⇒ Cong. Care Only - Sex Trafficking
 - ⇒ Cong. Care Only - Supervised Setting

The program types are available in CONNECTIONS for Congregate resources only. These program types may only be checked and unchecked by state / regional office staff with modify access to the FA Home License during Build 1. This will change in Build 3 2021 (tentatively November 2021). **Voluntary Agency staff with modify access to the FA Home License will have the ability to select the program type of Supervised Setting. (*Corrected description)**



Each program type has an associated From date and To date. These dates will be required when a Family First program type has been selected. Family First program types may not overlap.

A combination of Family First program type and facility type will be used to populate Modifier B of the new Special (Shadow) codes.

4. VDI Fixes

The following issues have been resolved in the VDI environment:

- Tabbing issues with Dropdowns
- "Print Screen" size smaller in VDI than in Citrix
- Cannot print more than one copy in VDI
- URL path copy/paste issues
- Adobe fix—freezing/latency when printing PDFs

Tentative VDI Transition Schedule (updated)

- ⇒ DONE: Phase 1 Rollout (Horizon Client access method) – Should be complete; following up with slow adapters. All users should now have RSA tokens.
- ⇒ **6/2/21: Begin Phase 2 Rollout** (URL access method) – Pending URL printing issue resolution. Districts and agencies should aim for a 2-week rollout, to **complete the week of June 14th**. Citrix users will receive pop-up messages at initial logon directing them to go to VDI. Beginning June 21st, repeated reminder pop-up messages in Citrix will begin.
- ⇒ **7/7/21: All CONNECTIONS users should be fully transitioned to VDI.** Citrix users will receive messages directing them to go to VDI.
- ⇒ **7/16/21: Citrix will no longer be available** to users.
- ⇒ **Citrix will be decommissioned** within the next 1-2 weeks.

How to report VDI fixes: Please follow the usual process for your county (via Lan Admin) or agency (using Fixit emails) to report issues. Please be sure to note "CONNECTIONS VDI" in the subject or description of your incident. Also please continue to email the CONNECTIONS VDI rollout mailbox (its_dl.conx.vdi.rollout@its.ny.gov) with the incident number and issue description.

WEBSITE: To access all documentation related to the transition to CONNECTIONS VDI, please go to <https://ocfs.ny.gov/connect/imp/> (internet) or <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/imp/> (intranet).

Family First Preventive Services Act (FFPSA) Changes Coming 9/29/2021



Included in this build, but not visible/available until 9/29/2021, are new codes in Activities to support the Family First Preventive Services Act (FFPSA):

- ◇ System-generated special (shadow) codes will be created for children entering foster care, transferring between foster care facilities, and returning to foster care.
- ◇ A new legal event code, L310—Court Review, will be added with certain qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) modifiers.
- ◇ A new event type for QRTP Assessment will be added.
- ◇ A series of new FFPSA Prevention Candidacy Codes will be available.

More details, along with additional changes in support of FFPSA, will be provided well in advance.

The Connections Team is here to help!

Resources

- As always, **CONNECTIONS Implementation Staff** can assist you. A Contact list of each district and agency's assigned implementation specialist can be found on the CONNECTIONS [Intranet](#) and [Internet](#) pages.
- **ITS Service Desk—844-891-1786 or fixit@its.ny.gov**

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

- Email Us: Connections@ocfs.ny.gov