



CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin Build 1.5 2022: May 6, 2022

CONNECTIONS Build 1.5 2022 is currently scheduled for deployment on Friday, May 6, 2022.

New Local Program Types for NYC:

The build provides for the addition of two new Local Program Types **for use in NYC only**, required for use with their new foster care model starting July 1, 2022. ACS will issue additional guidance for NYC users about the new program types and related data entry expectations.

The two new Local Program Types are:

- EFFC - Enhanced Family Foster Care (NYC Only): in New York City, the EFFC program type will replace the TFFC and Regular Local Program Types
- SFFC - Specialized Family Foster Care (NYC Only): In New York City, the SFFC program type will replace the Medical and DD Local Program Types

Step-up / Return to LDSS logic associated with Local Program Types is provided in the table below.

Placement Requests where a child is moved to a new setting with a change in Local Program Type to a higher number as indicated in the table below will require Return to LDSS within the Placement Module for approval and will be considered a step-up.

Movements from a lower number to a higher number that require LDSS approval			
Number	Setting	Facility Type	Local Program Types
6	Residential (Congregate)	Institution	Any
5	Residential (Congregate)	AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILP	SBPSAB, DD, ENFC, RIC, MMCB
4	Residential (Congregate)	AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILP	Regular, LGBTQ
3	FBH		Medical, DD, TFFC, TFCO, SFFC
2	FBH		EFFC
1	FBH		Regular*

CONNECTIONS Fix:

The following fix to a reported issue will be implemented with Build 1.5:

The new "**Article 10 Information Required**" navigable To-Do was generating an application fault error message in certain scenarios - notably when a user attempted to navigate the To-Do through a Unit Summary path. This issue, and a related issue involving the Investigation Conclusion To-Do, will be corrected, and users should be able to seamlessly navigate both To-Dos.

The Connections Team is here to help!

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

- Email Us: Connections@ocfs.ny.gov

Resources

- As always, **CONNECTIONS Implementation Staff** will be available to offer on-site support as necessary. 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**

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