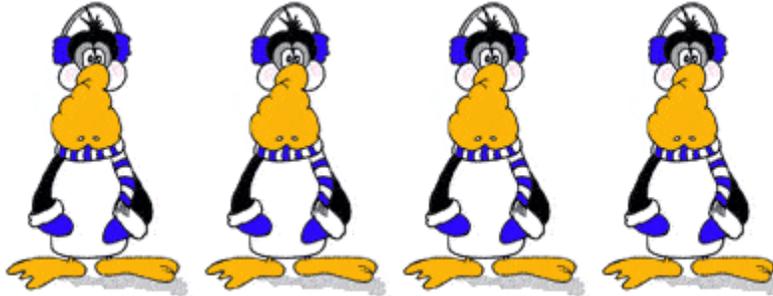# THE CONNECTIONS WEEKLY
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Perhaps You Heard the Buzz At the NYPWA Conference….

But if not then here is the scoop….as in years past, OCFS Information Technology again partnered with OCFS PIO and manned a booth at the NYPWA conference (at the Marriott Hotel in Albany) this past week showcasing the many wonderful programs and supporting IT applications that OCFS and its staff are all about, but……the buzz is that one of the IT applications - CONNECTIONS - is getting "Transformed"!!!! and the beginning of the "transformation" process - because it will be a process involving input from both district and agency staff at ALL levels - was introduced during a workshop at the conference. Immediate feedback from the workshop deemed the format and following café table discussions with workshop participants to be a hit! You can read more about the transformation process in upcoming Weekly's and will be hearing about it through various forums, among them the Regional Implementation Support Team meetings (RIST). So stay tuned so that you can be a part of the transformation!!!!

Thank you!!!!

A quick thank you to all those who participated in the café table discussions during the workshop at NYPWA! Your time, talents and advice are much appreciated and will be incorporated in shaping the new design of CONNECTIONS!

Important Information for OCFS Data Warehouse Users…
(As posted in The Weekly dated 1/18/08)

Now that Cognos 8 is up-and-running, the OCFS Data Warehouse Team is closing the older ReportNet environment. If you are a Data Warehouse user with saved reports in ReportNet – either in *My Folders* or *Technical Assistance* – you must copy those reports to a special *"Conversion"* folder, so your reports can be rebuilt in Cognos 8. If you did not receive an email about the "Conversion" folders and you have saved reports that need to be in Cognos 8, view the step-by-step instructions for "Preparing to Rebuild Saved ReportNet Reports" on the Intranet at http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse under the **January 17, 2008** heading, or email the OCFS Data Warehouse Team immediately at data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us. Only reports in the "Conversion" folders will be saved from deletion.

Note: Unaltered Predefined reports are available in Cognos 8 and do not need to be copied to the "Conversion" folder.

The deadline for copying your reports is Thursday, January 31st.

If you have already done this, we thank you and we are in the process of rebuilding your reports in Cognos 8. We will notify you via email when they are completed.

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet…

The following document(s) were recently posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website:

- _The CONNECTIONS Weekly for the week of January 18, 2008_

Weekly System Maintenance…

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

- _Wednesday, 1/30/08_ from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- _Friday, 2/1/08_ from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- _Wednesday 2/6/08_ from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM