



CONNECTIONS Weekly Technical Bulletin

Records Retention Scheduled for the Weekend of July 10, 2015

The next quarterly Records Retention cycle is scheduled to take place over the weekend of July 10.

The records retention quarterly cycle leads to the expungement of Child Protective electronic and hard copy case records pursuant to NYS Social Services law, which specifies the precise periods that case material must be retained and when it is required to delete case records.

Each local district has identified individual recipients for receiving case listings in two reports:

1. The *To Be Expunged Report* notifies districts which cases are slated to be expunged so that they may review to be certain the expungement is appropriate.
2. The *Expungement Report* identifies cases that have been removed from CONNECTIONS, signaling that hard copies of CPS records for the case must also be destroyed.

There is a **tip sheet** that outlines the local district tasks in more detail, which is available on both the [Intranet](#) and [Internet](#).

If you have any questions about security tasks in general or the Records Retention process specifically, please send them to acceptable.use@ocfs.ny.gov.

To determine the recipients of the two records retention reports in your district, contact the CONNECTIONS Communications Mailbox, at connections@ocfs.ny.gov.

New GIS Message: Retroactive 8A and 8B

A new General Information System (GIS) message is now available: **GIS #15-005: Planned and Crisis Respite Services for Foster Families (8A/8B) Retroactive Payments**.

The purpose of this GIS message is to provide local departments of social services with information regarding the ability to make retroactive Planned Respite Services for Foster Families (POS 8A) and Crisis Respite Services for Foster Families (POS 8B).

The full GIS message, as well as past GIS messages, is available at the following link:

<http://ocfs.state.nyenet/it/GeneralResources/GeneralResourcesDefault.asp>

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Weekly System Maintenance

Due to regularly scheduled maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will be unavailable on:

- **Friday, July 10, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, July 15, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
- **Friday, July 17, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**