# CONNECTIONS Weekly Technical Bulletin

## New CONNECTIONS Tip Sheet: Activities Task Tips

A new CONNECTIONS Tip Sheet is now available, **Activities Task Tips**. This tip sheet explores several common tasks in the new Activities Window that have proved challenging to workers including:

- Opening a track in Activities
- Reopening a closed track
- Reopening a closed track for a freed child
- New track opened when a previously closed track should have been reopened
- Converting a track start date
- Modifying an Activities CID
- Adding a child with an existing track to another case

The sheet is available on the Tip Sheet page of the CONNECTIONS Intranet and Internet.

## Update: FSS Phase 1 Modernization

The next build to the CONNECTIONS application, Family Services Stage (FSS) - Phase 1 modernization, is tentatively scheduled for implementation in May. A pilot of the modernized stages is scheduled to begin in select local districts and voluntary agencies in the next week. Once the pilot has begun, a more precise date for Phase 1 implementation will be communicated.

A **training announcement and schedule** are now available on the CONNECTIONS Training page **(Intranet / Internet )** The iLinc class began on April 20 and is specifically for supervisors and staff designated to assist colleagues to prepare for the changes. The WBT is expected to be available in the very near future. It is for all other staff who will be affected by the planned changes, mainly targeting staff who have not worked in CPS Investigation or Family Assessment Response (FAR) stages. Staff should register for training as soon as possible at https://www.hslcnys.org/hslc.

Additionally, a **Readiness Checklist** is now available on the CONNECTIONS Implementation page (Intranet / Internet )

For more information on the upcoming FSS Phase 1 build, please see the most recent edition of the CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin, available on the Intranet and Internet.

CONNECTIONS Intranet Site: http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/
CONNECTIONS Internet Site: http://ocfs.ny.gov/connect/

### Weekly System Maintenance

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

- **Friday, May 1, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 6, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**
- **Friday, May 8, from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.**