CONNECTIONS Build Bulletin

New Build: FLAG Approval Process and Sex Trafficking Screening Updates
Implemented Friday, December 1st

A new build to the CONNECTIONS application was deployed Friday, December 1st, in the normal morning maintenance window, and included the implementation of a formal FLAG Approval process in FAR stages, as well as minor updates to the Sex Trafficking Screening window.

FLAG Approval Process

The Family Led Assessment Guide (FLAG) module of the Family Assessment Response (FAR) stage in CONNECTIONS previously did *not* require a formal supervisory approval process and instead was simply marked as final upon completion by the worker. This often led to errors, as caseworkers unintentionally completed the FLAG on the wrong family, or else marked it as final when additional modifications were needed. In response to a request from the field highlighting these issues, the FLAG will now be submitted to a supervisor for approval before it becomes finalized, similar to all other submit/approve processes in the application.

Modifications to Sex Trafficking Screening

Additionally, the build incorporated minor edits to the Sex Trafficking Screening window in all CONNECTIONS stages, including the following:

• The "Quick Screening" type has been changed to "Rapid Screening."

• The Sex Trafficking Screening window previously asked, "Was Child Ever in Care?" Now, following build implementation, if the response is "Yes," a second prompt will enable: "In reference to the most recent episode of care, did the trafficking occur:" with the option to choose either "Prior to," "During," "Both," or "After" via radio button.

If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to your regional CONNECTIONS Implementation Specialist, or email CONNECTIONS Triage at ocfs.sm.conn_app@ocfs.ny.gov.