

OCCMS news

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Welcome to the Fall 2006 OCCMS Newsletter!

After a busy spring and summer, the OCCMS team has completed the Strengthening Our Partnerships Project. We would like to thank the focus group for their support and input throughout the project. Without your involvement, OCCMS Web would not be so successful.

The database is currently being enhanced to include Best Start data elements and Income Testing. We can assure all CMSMs/DSSABs that we are offering extensive support to assist with your training needs related to these enhancements.

We look forward to continuing to support all of you through the coming enhancements.

We would also like to welcome Ottawa, the 46th CMSM/DSSAB to use OCCMS.

OCCMS Web

We are pleased to announce that 14 CMSMs/DSSABs have converted to OCCMS Web and are currently using the database in their day-to-day operations.

The OCCMS training unit has successfully supported these CMSMs/DSSABs with their conversion and continues to offer conversion support to the other CMSMs/DSSABs and to answer questions on the Help Line.

If you have not converted to OCCMS Web, you are advised to do so as soon as possible.

Timely Tips

Remember to enter:

- 2006 to 2007 school board information (PD days, Christmas vacation, etc.)
- 2007 Wage Subsidy, Resource Centre and Special Needs Budgets before the end of December 2006



New OCCMS Web Trainer

We would like to welcome Darlene Preuten, our new OCCMS trainer, to the team. Darlene will be available to help you with your training needs as you convert to OCCMS Web over the next few months.

Training Opportunities

Training Opportunities for OCCMS on Best Start, Income Testing and OCCMS Web:

- Calendars for November and December training sessions will be posted soon
- Ongoing training via the Web
- Customized training options available
- Hands-on training at the York Region office

Other Opportunities

- User Group Meeting - November 24, 2006
- OMSSA Conference - December 4, 2006

Concerns

Some CMSMs/DSSABs have noticed that OCCMS Web is sometimes slower than the Windows version. You may experience initial slowdowns while staff is new to OCCMS Web, however, multiple applications on the server can also cause OCCMS Web slowdowns. Please contact your IT Department directly to address this concern.

Important Reminder

Only the Web version of OCCMS will be supported after December 31, 2006. We will no longer support the Windows version.

After December 31, 2006, enhancements will only be implemented on OCCMS Web.

OCCMS Web will only be made available through Mission Systems to those individual CMSMs/DSSABs who have submitted a signed hard copy of the Threat Risk Acknowledgement to York Region.

What's New: Version 6.0

Income Testing

OCCMS will support CMSMs/DSSABs in implementing provincial policy by determining:

- available monthly income through the Income Test
- parental contribution based on the provincially-mandated income thresholds and provincial policy

Fee Assistance

- New funding type: ELCC
- ELCC-P and ELCC-S will collapse to become ELCC

New Provincial Age Groups

- For reporting purposes, the province has defined JK, SK and School-age by a child's eligibility for JK or SK or School-age in school on September 1
- All reports that have the child's DOB and Age Group will reflect the new provincial Age Groups for provincial reporting purposes
- The following reports will be changed: R015, R016, R025, R040, R055, R068, and R079

Wage Subsidy

- The Wage Subsidy Calculator will include a calculation for the JK/SK licensed group

New Reports

- R081 - Provincial Monthly Average Number of Children Served by Age Group and Funding Type - Formal
- R082 - Provincial Monthly Average Number of Children Served - Informal, OW, LEAP and NCB

Special Needs Budgets

- New Budget Type Special Needs ELCC
- Special Needs Budget tab will contain the five Special Needs Budgets, which will include its own schedule type, GL and Budget Summary
- Stop Payment button will stop/resume all Special Needs Budgets
- New Report R083 - Special Needs ELCC - Monthly

Wage Subsidy Budget

- ELCC-S and ELCC-P will be combined as ELCC for Budgets in 2007
- New Report R045 - Wage Subsidy Utilization Statement replicated from Provincial Guidelines
- The following reports will be changed: R033, R077, R074, and R061

OCCMS Team Contact Information

- ▶ Help Line: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ▶ Monday to Friday
- ▶ 1-877-464-9675 or 905-830-4444

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User Group Meeting

- Due to provincial requests for enhancements to OCCMS, (i.e. Best Start, Income Testing), Batch 10 change requests will be deferred to a later date.
- Spring 2007 -- anticipated implementation of Batch 9 change requests.