The End of an Era
No More Archive CDs

At the end of September, 2015, the CHRIS Help Desk completed the creation and distribution of our annual Archive CD Roms. Every summer, all children in CHRIS who are older than seven and who's records have had no updates in at least 365 days are marked as "Archived". This puts these children's records in a holding pattern for a year. They remain searchable in the Database, however, their County of Residence shows as "Archived". This allows any user the opportunity to see the archived records and submit a request to the Help Desk that they be made active again.

If these children's records remain in "Archive" status for an entire year, then they are permanently removed from the active CHRIS Database and added to our locally maintained statewide Archive Database which contains the records of children who were born as far back as the mid-1980s. Then the Help Desk creates a CD Rom for each FDLRS site containing last year's archived records and sends each disk out via mail. Each FDLRS site likely has an unruly stock-pile of CD Rom's from years past containing all of their archived records which have been removed from the live CHRIS Database since the beginning of CHRIS history.

Over time, as technology improved and data storage became faster, cheaper and more efficient, The Help Desk devised a convenient way for us to keep track of all archived CHRIS data rather than relying on fragmented data stored CD Rom's every year. We created one statewide Master CHRIS Archive Database containing all archived records as far back as we have data. This Archive Database is maintained here at the University of Miami using the same security and backup systems that keep the live version of CHRIS safe and secure.

Starting now, The Help Desk will offer the service of handling any archive data requests from any of the FDLRS sites throughout the state in lieu of producing and distributing the cumbersome CD Rom's every year. This means if any active CHRIS user needs to view data from an archived child's record, that record is only a secure email away. Make a request for data and The Help Desk will fulfill your needs, in most circumstances, on the same day.