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CHRIS Gold Release

Cory Beermann

The waiting is finally over, CHRIS Gold is almost here! The official release of CHRIS Gold will occur in October.

CHRIS Gold Pre-Release Meeting

As most of you have heard, the official CHRIS Gold introduction event will be taking place in Orlando at the AmeriSuites Airport Northwest hotel on **September 9th, 2008**. The event will last from 9am until 3pm. We strongly encourage all users of the CHRIS *Plus* program to attend.

At this training, we will be showing some of the upgraded features of the newest version of FileMaker, which will allow users a better understanding of how CHRIS works. In addition, the new features of the CHRIS Gold program will be introduced, with emphasis on developing CHRIS reports. We will also answer any questions from those attending.



CHRIS Program Revisions

The CHRIS program was redesigned in order to take advantage of enhancements to the FileMaker program. The newest versions contain some very exciting changes in file structure and many improvements that have resulted in numerous benefits to the CHRIS system including:

- Faster login times
- Faster finds
- Improved reporting options
- Enhanced compatibility with Citrix

- Improved security options
- Conditional formatting of fields by value
- Improved scripting tools
- Improved printing options with the ability to attach multiple documents to the same PDF
- Greater compatibility with Excel
- Improved find features

CHRIS Gold represents the next step in our ongoing mission to provide users with a program that best meets their needs.

CHRIS Gold Meeting Information:

Location: AmeriSuites Orlando
Airport Northwest Hotel
Address: 5435 Forbes Place
Orlando, FL 32812
Phone: (407) 816-7800
Rate: \$129/Night

CHRIS NEWS

One Goal Conference

Cory Beermann

The One Goal Summer Conference in Tampa, Florida was an ambitious and wide-reaching program with the slogan, "Building the Future Together, Putting Families and Children First." The CHRIS Help Desk Team joined over 1,000 early education and child-care providers and leaders from around the state. Cory Beermann and Bijan Boustani gave a presentation titled "CHRIS and How It Can Help You." The presentation gave childhood agencies, which may not have otherwise been exposed to CHRIS, an opportunity to see its potential. We provided attendees with a general overview of the CHRIS program and then displayed some of the new screens from CHRIS Gold. After everyone was acquainted with the program, we took them on a journey of what reports based on CHRIS data could do for them.



The response was overwhelmingly positive from those who attended. There were inquiries as to how the agencies could use CHRIS in their organizations. We, too, learned from the questions that were posed by the agencies in attendance. We greatly appreciate the assistance of Doug Fogh and Flo Bellhorn from FDLRS Gulfcoast in answering some of these questions.

Reporter Training

Cory Beermann



Did you know that there are over 700 custom reports in CHRIS *Plus* right now? We know that not everyone uses the customized reporting features in CHRIS, but everyone does have the capability. Any CHRIS user who has a login and password is able to create custom reports. For assistance on how to create custom reports, call the Help Desk and request an online Reporter Training. After four unbelievably quick hours on the phone you will be creating reports as if you had been doing it your whole life. Some examples include:

Indicator 12 Report:

- Counts how many children were transitioned from Part C to Part B during a specific time period
- Indicates the percentage of these children who were placed in programs

Rising 3 Report:

- Tracks children who are entering Part B services at or around age three
- Informs FDLRS sites as to which children are being evaluated, which staff member is recording the report, and the child's exact age at evaluation
- Tracks Part B children from transition from Part C or entering the system via a screening to list the children and the services they are receiving

30 Month Early Steps Report:

- For those FDLRS sites who enter Early Steps children into CHRIS, this report will remind the FDLRS sites to contact Early Steps when a child is at the proper age to be transitioned from Part C to Part B



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CHRIS REPORTS

Statewide Reports

Bijan Boustani

Reports using statewide data can be run on the live CHRIS database at anytime, providing immediate, up-to-date information. The figure below illustrates one example of a statewide report that can be run in the CHRIS program. If you are interested in learning more about the reporting features of CHRIS, please contact the CHRIS Help Desk.

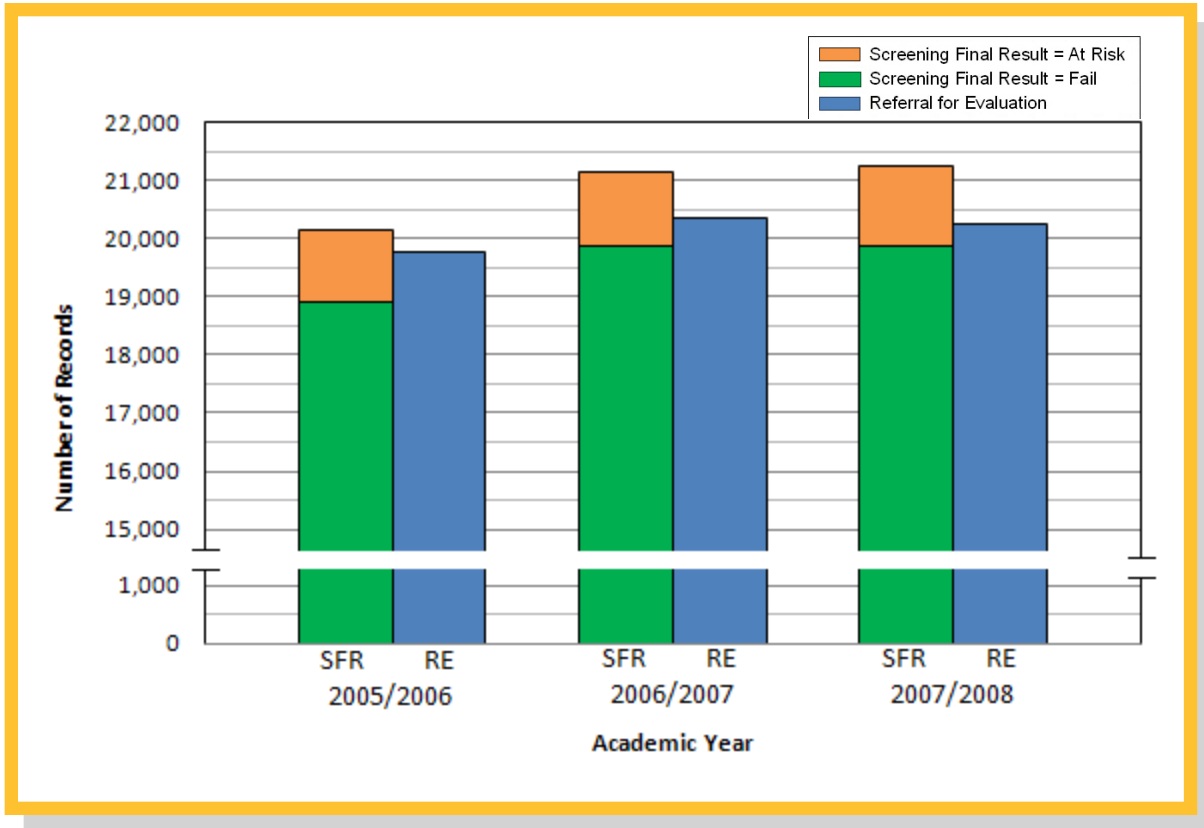


Figure 1: Screening Final Result (SFR) and Referral for Evaluation (RE) Comparison for the 2005/2006, 2006/2007, and 2007/2008 Academic Years

Screening Final Result counts were based on the number of records with an F (fail) or an A (at-risk) in the Screening Final Result field and a value in the Screening Final Result Date field. Referral for Evaluation counts were based on the number of records with a value in the Referral for Evaluation Date field. Using the Screening Final Result Date and Referral for Evaluation Date fields, results were grouped by academic year (July 1 through June 30) for the years indicated.

Thank You Susana

Olga Camacho

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Susana Cossio for her many hours of hard work in testing all aspects of the CHRIS Gold database. Her attention to detail and dedication to the CHRIS program has played an essential role in the completion of CHRIS Gold.



CHRIS Secure Gateway Update

Cory Beermann

To fulfill our continuing goal of providing our users with an efficient and easy-to-use program in a secure environment, we periodically update our security systems to keep current with rapidly changing technology.

In the past few months we have set up a new access method to match the new CHRIS Gold program. This new method will allow us greater control over who is ac-

cessing the CHRIS data, preventing against unwanted hackers.

This upgrade will not affect your CHRIS experience in any way once a new shortcut is set up on your computer desktop and the new version of the Citrix client has been installed.

Most of you have already been converted to the new access method and are using the more secure



version of CHRIS without any issues. If you get error messages while trying to login to CHRIS, try going to the following website to login: <https://chrisdata.miami.edu>. If you need assistance, please call the Help Desk so we can assist you in resolving the problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

The CHRIS Gold Pre-Release Meeting will be held on **September 9th in Orlando, Florida**. All current CHRIS users should attend. Please mark your calendars.



CHRIS Training

To register for any CHRIS training session, send an e-mail to Cory Beermann at cory@miami.edu or visit the Training web page at www.chris.miami.edu/training.htm.

Reporter Training



Contact the Help Desk at 1.800.231.5747 to schedule a training session on how to create reports using CHRIS data. Training sessions last 4-5 hours and users may request the development of specific custom reports. For more information, go to www.chris.miami.edu.

Share a CHRIS story!

Do you have an interesting CHRIS story that you would like to share with everyone? If so, please email us at chris.um@miami.edu.

Inform Your Colleagues

Have you read an article that would be of interest to the Child Find community? If so, send the citation information for the article to chris.um@miami.edu. We will highlight articles in future editions of the newsletter.

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