Localized Maintenance

Citrix CHRIS Plus enables the Help Desk to centrally manage site data and server operations. As such, data facilitators can now focus on more important issues like the quality and quantity of their CHRIS data. The Help Desk will now oversee the following tasks:

- Server access
- Nightly update
- Data backup
- Program and server operating system upgrades
- Server hardware upgrades
- User account and session management
- Records deletion
- Report generation (including Allsites and aggregate reports)

No More Down Time

An off-site data backup system is in the process of being established at the Polk County Schools technology building. This backup system will provide a secure backup copy of the CHRIS statewide master database that can be accessed by authorized users when the main site in Miami is down. In response to an extended power outage or hurricane warning, access to CHRIS will be transferred to this backup system providing virtually uninterrupted access to users throughout the State. The Polk County Schools technology building currently provides secure storage for public school records for the Florida Department of Education and, as such, represents an ideal location for the CHRIS database backup. Thank you to Polk County Schools for your collaboration and continued assistance in establishing this system.

After six months of stressful days and sleepless nights, our Project Manager/Programmer, Olga Camacho was able to produce the first live CHRIS Master Database. Thank you Olga, the rest of the CHRIS Team, and all the CHRIS users for all your hard work and patience.
The CHRIS Points Program was created to heighten awareness of CHRIS and to encourage users to provide feedback about the program. All users are welcome to participate and new users are immediately registered in the program. In return for their involvement, sites and users who earn the most CHRIS points are recognized in the CHRIS Comments Newsletter. Top points activities this past year included: attending and completing training, returning site documentation, returning backup materials, and providing complete labs for training. Thank you to all those who participated.

Top Site Winners
- FDLRS/Sunrise Associate Center, Polk County
- FDLRS/Suncoast Associate Center, Manatee County
- FDLRS/East Associate Center, Brevard County
- FDLRS/Suncoast Associate Center, Charlotte County

Top Individual Winners
- Lisa Sears
  FDLRS/Hillsborough Associate Center
- Kathy Werner
  FDLRS/Hillsborough Associate Center
- Virginia Kantro
  FDLRS/Gateway Associate Center
- Martha Cromwell
  FDLRS/ Springs Associate Center

Program Highlights

Need to Install the Citrix Client?
Aimee A. Echeverri

Please visit our new Citrix Support web page at www.chris.miami.edu/technical_support/citrix.htm to view installation instructions and configuration requirements for the Citrix client. Any CHRIS user (or the CHRIS Data Facilitator) who has experience downloading software can follow the steps documented in the Citrix Install and Setup Guide. If additional assistance is required, please contact the Help Desk.
Screening Final Result (SFR) 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 (RE) counts were based on the number of records with a value in the Referral for Evaluation Date field. Using the SFR and RE date fields, results were grouped by academic year (July 1 through June 30) for the years indicated.

Note: Data for the 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 academic years were based on timelines created for conversion to CHRIS Plus. Converted timeline data may not be an accurate reflection of data entered directly into CHRIS Plus. 2004/2005 will be used as the baseline for all future timeline event reports.

Statewide Reports
The implementation of Citrix CHRIS Plus has greatly enhanced reporting capabilities. Reports using statewide data can be run on the live master database at anytime, providing immediate, up-to-date reports. The figure above illustrates one of the statewide reports that can be run in Citrix CHRIS Plus.
New CHRIS Staff Member

Callie Tomasso

Hi Everyone! My name is Callie Tomasso and I am a sophomore student at the University of Miami where I plan to major in Business Administration. I have been hired by the CHRIS Project as a work-study assistant and will be involved in such tasks as inputting data, organizing mail outs, and preparing manuals for training sessions. From time to time you may catch me on the phone at the CHRIS Help Desk. While I have had experience in office and database work, this will be my first time working for a program like CHRIS. I look forward to learning more about the CHRIS Project throughout the year and hope to be a helpful addition to the CHRIS team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming CHRIS Training
If you would like to attend one of our scheduled trainings, please send an e-mail to Cory Beermann at cory@miami.edu or visit the Training web page at www.chris.miami.edu/training.htm for more information.

New User Training
November 18th, 2005
FDLRS/Island Coast Associate Center, Lee County

December 7th, 2005
FDLRS/NEFEC Associate Center

Data Facilitator Training
December 2nd, 2005
FDLRS/Gulfcoast Associate Center, Pinellas County

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences
The TAWG Advisory Board Meeting will be held on December 8 - 9, 2005 at the Embassy Suites Orlando Airport Hotel. Visit the TAWG web page at www.chris.miami.edu/tawg/meetingschedule.htm for more information.

Share a CHRIS story and earn CHRIS Points!
Do you have an interesting CHRIS story that you would like to share with everyone? If so, please email Aimee Echeverri at aimee@miami.edu.

Do you want to be on the CHRIS mailing list?
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