
ChildPlus DataEngine

What's New in Release 1.18



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What's New in Version 1.18

Version 1.18 is a monthly maintenance release of ChildPlus DataEngine. ChildPlus incorporated numerous enhancements and fixes into this release. This release also contains additional changes made to ChildPlus for the 2005-2006 PIR. The following table summarizes where to find the different items addressed in version 1.18:

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Updating to Version 1.18

For detailed instructions on how to perform the update to version 1.18, visit the DataEngine Update Web Page or click [here](#).

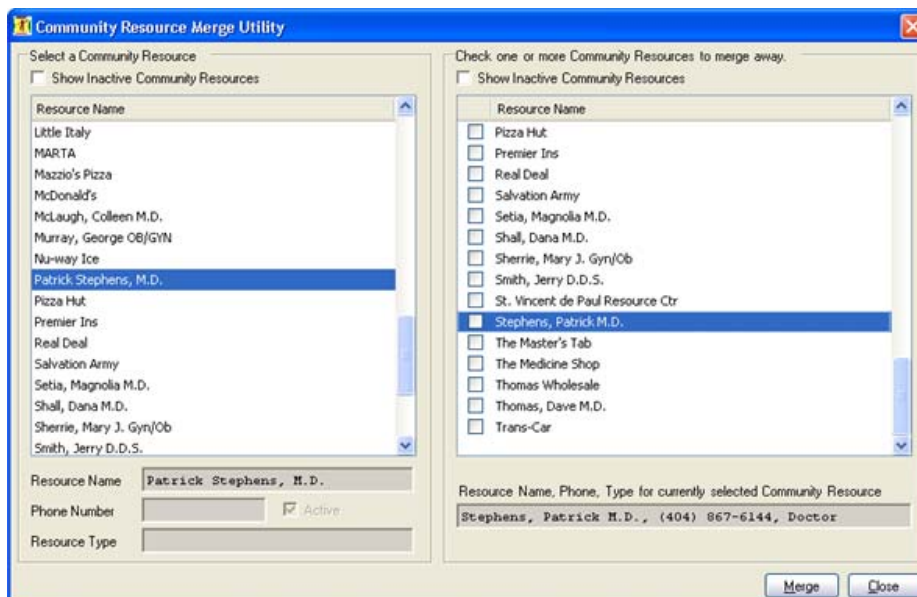
Enhancements & Fixes

ChildPlus DataEngine version 1.18 includes enhancements and fixes to the following areas:

- Community Resource Merge Utility
- Enrollment
- Family Intake
- Health Events Setup
- Note Boxes
- PIR
- Reports

Community Resource Merge Utility

Version 1.18 contains a new utility (available on the **System** menu) that can assist you in cleaning up duplicate community resources. Using this utility, you can merge duplicate community resources into one. The **Community Resource Merge Utility** prevents errors that can occur when users choose the wrong community resource. For example, say that you have one community resource named “Stephens, Patrick M.D.” and another named “Patrick Stephens M.D.”. If, after verifying these records, you determine that both are for the same resource, you can merge them to eliminate the duplicate from the system.



Tip: Full documentation on using this utility is available in the online help for version 1.18.

Enrollment – Entry Date

ChildPlus added a new field, **Entry Date**, to provide agencies with the option of using a separate 'start date' for tracking the fulfillment of health requirements. This enhancement allows agencies to meet the requirement for 100% enrollment on the first day of classes without having to start the clock on health requirements for children who have enrolled, but, who will not be attending classes immediately. Using **Entry Date** will not affect an individual's enrollment date. Instead, ChildPlus will use the date you provide in **Entry Date** to calculate how many days remain before a health event must occur in order to meet program requirements.



Tip: Full documentation on using **Entry Date** is available in the online help for version 1.18.

When you update to version 1.18, ChildPlus will automatically populate the **Entry Date** field based on each individual's **Enrollment Date**. For example, if a child's **Enrollment Date** is 4/15/2006, ChildPlus will populate their **Entry Date** as 4/15/2006 as well. If you change the child's **Entry Date** to 5/1/2006, ChildPlus will use 5/1/2006 to calculate how many days you have left to complete his/her enrollment health requirements. In previous versions of ChildPlus, the system would have used the child's **Enrollment Date** of 4/15/2006 to calculate the days remaining for his/her enrollment health requirements.



Warning: ChildPlus recommends that you disable user security access to **Entry Date** if your agency does not want to use this field. **Entry Date** is accessible to users from the **Enrollment** screen and on the **Enrollment Utility**. If you decide not to use this field, ChildPlus will still calculate the number of days remaining using **Enrollment Date**.

The screenshot shows the 'Enrollment' screen with various fields. The 'Entry Date' field is highlighted in yellow and has an arrow pointing to it from the right. The 'Entry Date' is set to 7/11/2006. Other fields include Site Name (Decatur Centre), Class Name (Classroom A), Program (Head Start), Program Term (Head Start 2005 - 2006), Program Option (Standard Head Start Full Day), Application Status, Class Age (31 months), Application Date, Class Hours (0), Application Number, Funding (04CB5987.000), and checkboxes for Accepted, Waitlisted (checked), and Abandoned.

Family Intake

ChildPlus enhanced the **Family Member Lookup** dialog box for version 1.18. It now takes less time for the system to display results when you use this dialog box to look up family members. In addition, when you use the **ChildPlus ID** field to look up a family member, ChildPlus will now return exact matches only.



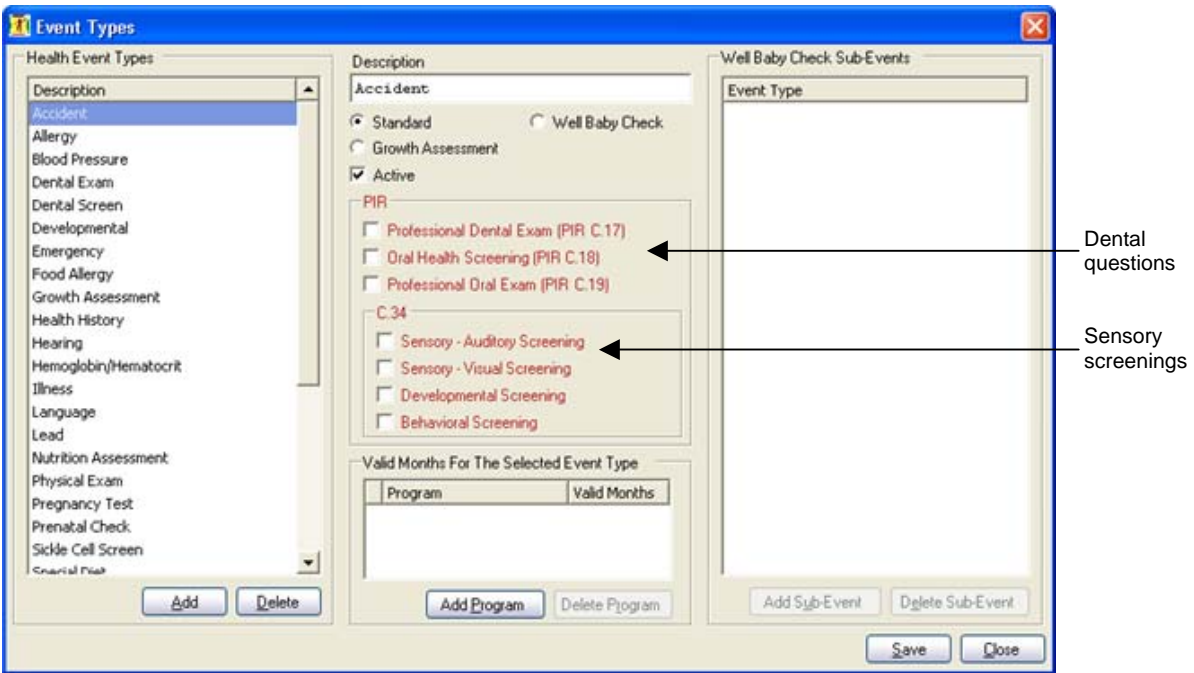
Health Events Setup

ChildPlus modified the **Events Type** screen in order address specific PIR questions. This screen is used to set up the different health events that users can chose from when they are entering data on the **Health** screen. Changes made to the **Events Type** screen include:

- ChildPlus added three new options to the **Event Types** screen to address questions C.17, C.18, and C.19. Now, rather than just specifying an event as *dental*, you can further define which events you want to count towards questions C.17, C.18, and C.19 on the PIR.
- ChildPlus split the sensory part of the C.34 question into two screenings: **Visual** and **Auditory**.

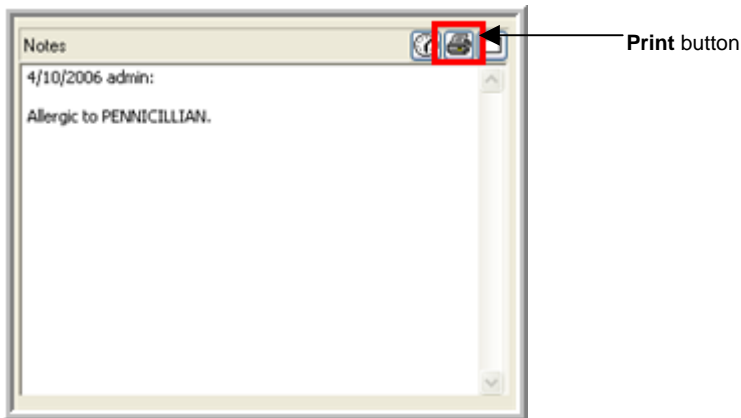


Tip: For more information on how changes to the **Events Type** screen affect PIR calculations, refer to the PIR section of this document on page 9.



Note Boxes

Users with *View Only* access can now access the **Print** button to print information stored in a **Note** box.



PIR

ChildPlus modified questions in Sections A and C of the 2005-2006 PIR.



For information about changes to this year's PIR and/or assistance in interpreting PIR questions, refer to Xtria's PIR documentation at <http://www.xtria.com/pir2006/>.

Question A.15

ChildPlus modified the way question A.15 is calculated for the PIR. This question now includes all children enrolled on the reporting date plus any vacancies that are less than 30 days old.



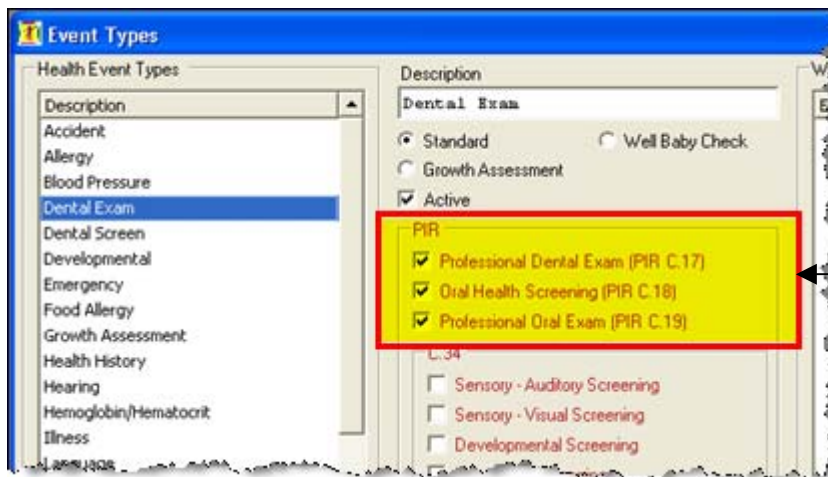
Tip: Please refer to the [DE Calculation Guide](#) for additional details on how ChildPlus calculates this question.

Question A.23.b

ChildPlus modified the way question A.23.b is calculated for the PIR. ChildPlus now totals the cumulative number of days that participants were enrolled. This cumulative total is based on each of the participant's enrollment records for the PIR period. In previous releases of ChildPlus, this question was only considering the participant's most current enrollment record.

Questions C.17, C.18, and C.19

ChildPlus added three new options to the **Event Types** screen to address questions C.17, C.18, and C.19. Now, rather than just specifying an event as *dental*, you can further define which events you want to count towards questions C.17, C.18, and C.19 on the PIR. When you update to version 1.18, ChildPlus will automatically check each of the three boxes for any health event where you had previously selected 'dental' as the type.



Check the box next to each question that you want the dental exam to count towards on the PIR.

C.17

Question C.17 will count children if they have a health event that is marked as **Professional Dental Exam** on the **Event Types** screen.

C.18

Question C.18 will count children if they have a health event that is marked as **Oral Health Screening** on the **Event Types** screen.

C.19

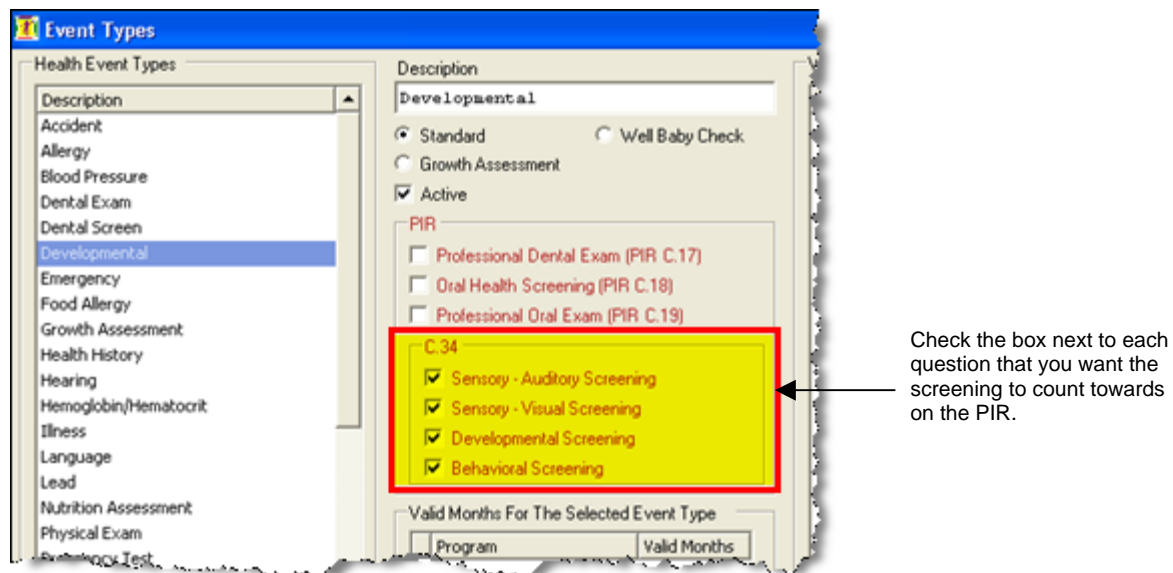
Question C.19 will count children if they have a health event that is marked as **Professional Oral Exam** on the **Event Types** screen and the event is not part of a well baby check.



Tip: Please refer to the [DE Calculation Guide](#) for additional details on how ChildPlus calculates these questions.

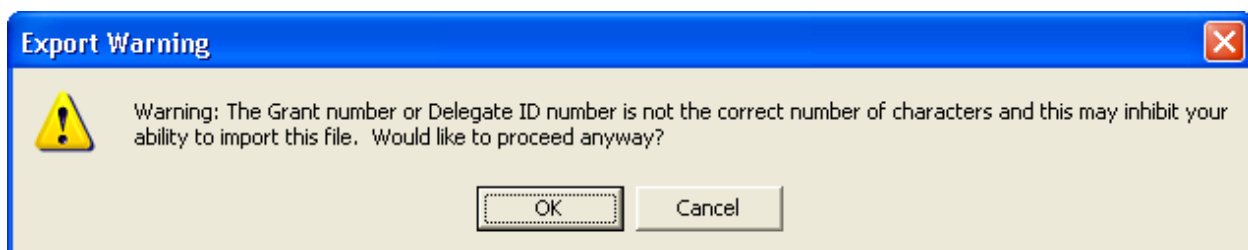
Question C.34

ChildPlus split the sensory part of the C.34 question into two screenings: **Visual** and **Auditory**. Now, ChildPlus will only count individuals who have completed all four types of screenings: **Developmental**, **Behavioral**, **Sensory – Auditory**, and **Sensory – Visual** for question C.34. When you update to version 1.18, ChildPlus will automatically check **Sensory – Auditory** and **Sensory - Visual** for any health event where you had previously checked **Sensory**.



Exporting PIR Data

When you click on the **Export PIR Data** button, ChildPlus now verifies that the **Grant Number** and **Delegate** fields contain the proper number of characters (8 for **Grant Number** and 3 for **Delegate**). If ChildPlus detects a discrepancy, you will receive the following warning message:

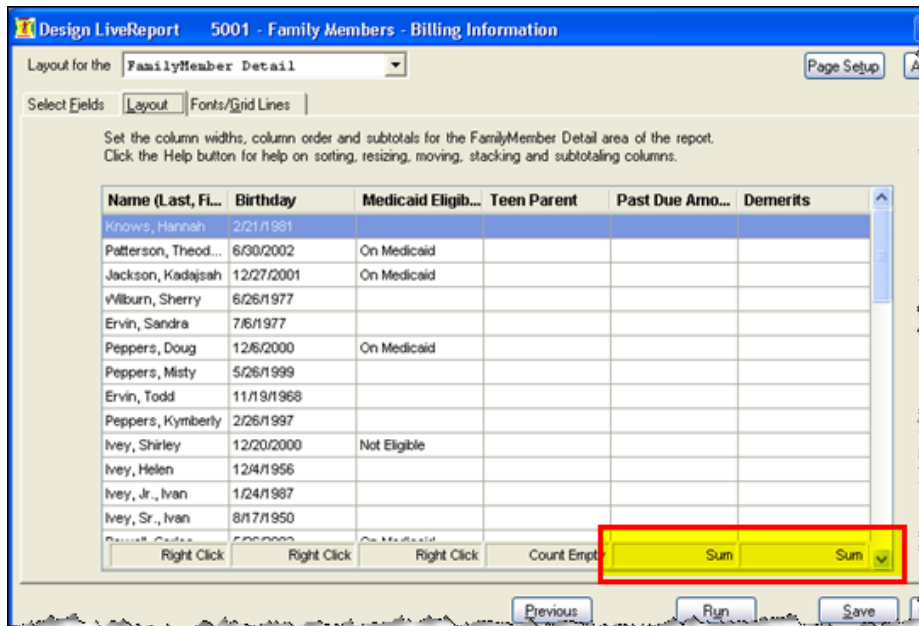


Reports

ChildPlus both enhanced and modified existing reports for the release of 1.18. Because many of these fixes were minor, we have only listed changes that directly affect users in this document.

Modifications to LiveReport

You can now subtotal the sum of all integer and decimal values stored in character fields (for example, user defined fields).



Example of summed User Defined Fields on a LiveReport.

Modifications to Specific Reports

The following table lists the specific reports that ChildPlus modified for version 1.18:

CPDE Reporting Enhancements			
CPDE Report	CPDE Report #	Found Under the Following Reports Menu	This report now...
Enrollment Turnover	2210	Enrollment	<p>Properly calculates turnover for participants with multiple enrollment records. ChildPlus made these changes in response to the changes to question A.15.</p> <p>Includes participants who currently have a status of terminated as replacements. In previous versions, only <i>enrolled</i> participants were considered as replacements.</p>
Health History	3010	Health	<p>Displays a date in the End column for individuals with a status of terminated or term/wait.</p> <p>Lists health actions in descending order by date.</p>
End of Month Enrollment and Turnover	9710	PIR	<p>Calculates participants enrolled for less than 45 days based on the cumulative days they were enrolled during a program term (cumulative totals include multiple enrollment records, if they exist).</p> <p>ChildPlus made these changes in response to the changes to question A.23.b.</p>
Family – Employment/Job training, Education, TANF, SSI, FCP	9730	PIR	<p>Counts a family as dual custody if the participant included on the PIR is part of more than one family.</p> <p>Lists the family's ChildPlus Family ID as well as their name.</p>
Family – Family Services	9731	PIR	<p>Lists the family's ChildPlus Family ID as well as their name.</p>
Contact Information	1520	Transportation	<p>Includes any notes entered along with phone numbers (for example, extensions).</p>