



CÚRAM SOFTWARE AND CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTER PARTNER TO ADVANCE BEST PRACTICES

Partnership Integrates Evidence-based Assessment Tools with Leading COTS Child Welfare Solution to Improve Outcomes for Children and Families

Sacramento, Calif. – November 11, 2008 – Cúram Software, the leading provider of Social Enterprise Management (SEM) software solutions and the Children's Research Center (CRC) today announced a partnership to integrate CRC's assessment and decision support tools, the Structured Decision Making® (SDM) model, with the Cúram Business Application Suite™. Together, Cúram Software and CRC will deliver better citizen outcomes and improved caseworker decision making by combining CRC's proven, research-based methodologies with Cúram Software's industry-leading commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions. Initially, the focus will be to integrate SDM® with the Cúram for Child Welfare offering to provide the most innovative and effective child welfare solution available worldwide. The announcement was made at the Stewards of Change Thought Leadership Symposium on best practices and technology in child welfare, which brought together leaders in child welfare from around the globe.

Cúram for Child Welfare provides a comprehensive and cost-effective solution for child welfare that supports key business requirements and improved outcomes for families through best practice enablement. By incorporating an innovative multi-disciplinary approach, agencies are able to bring appropriate and diverse problem-solving skills and perspectives together to achieve positive results for children and families. Cúram for Child Welfare helps organizations remove the artificial boundaries that exist within and between agencies, service providers, and community organizations, which improves caseworker and agency effectiveness through integrated assessment, planning and outcome management.

CRC helps child welfare agencies reduce child abuse and neglect through evidence-based practices that are focused on improving assessment and decision making. The SDM

methodology introduces structure at critical decision points in a child welfare case, increases consistency and validity of decisions, and targets resources to families most at risk. By integrating the SDM methodology with Cúram Software's child welfare solution, and leveraging Cúram Software's outcomes-based management tools, agencies have the ability to deploy the SDM model as part of a comprehensive child welfare transformation project. The partnership provides access to the entire SDM decision support methodology throughout the child welfare operating process, as well as modular deployment options.

"The needs of the most vulnerable families are largely under-served because workers, best-practices, business processes, and technology solutions are not integrated or deployed effectively. We believe that a multi-disciplinary approach, that incorporates each of these aspects, provides the opportunity to prevent children falling through the cracks and to achieve successful outcomes for citizens and their families." said Ronan Rooney, CTO and co-founder, Cúram Software. "Our collaboration with CRC, known and respected worldwide for their research and innovation, provides the opportunity to remove artificial barriers and improve the critical decision-making processes that impact the lives of families in times of need."

"CRC is convinced that Cúram is a true thought leader in child welfare. Cúram's commitment to best practice convinced our Board of Directors that this partnership truly represents an opportunity to advance the mission of CRC. This unique partnership between a nonprofit research organization and leading software developer brings together two leaders with different missions who share a common goal to improve outcomes for children and families," said, Chris Baird, Executive Vice President of NCCD/CRC. "The partnership is based on an exciting and innovative business model where ideas, research, and innovations incubated within the nonprofit sector can find their way into agency practice efficiently, at low cost, and without years of delay."

About Cúram Software:

Cúram Software is the leading provider of Social Enterprise Management (SEM) software solutions, delivering best-in-class applications for social enterprises globally including, health and human services, workforce services, and social security organizations. Using the Cúram Business Application Suite™ agencies can immediately reap the benefits of client-centric business processes and an outcomes-driven integrated service delivery model. The Cúram Business Application Suite, underpinned by the Cúram Enterprise Framework™, combines the advantages of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software, an enterprise platform and service-oriented architecture with the business and technical flexibility required to allow agencies to implement solutions to meet their strategic objectives. Cúram Software is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland with offices throughout North America, Europe, Australia, and India. For more information, visit www.curamssoftware.com.

About CRC:

CRC, a nonprofit social research organization and division of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), was established to help federal, state, and local child welfare agencies reduce child abuse and neglect by developing case management systems and conducting research that improves service delivery to children and families. NCCD was established in 1907 to perform a similar role for private and public agencies serving delinquent children. Improving child protection systems has been a formal part of NCCD's mission since 1993, when our Board of Directors authorized the creation of CRC. Since its inception, CRC had emerged as the nation's leader in the design and implementation of assessment and case management systems in child welfare. CRC's SDM system is currently used in 28 U.S. states, as well as several states in Australia and one Canadian province. In recent years, CRC's innovative approaches to improving decision making have spread to juvenile justice, adult protection, and Temporary Relief to Needy Families (TANF). For more information, visit www.nccd-crc.org.

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