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Curriculum Associates to Unveil New ‘BRIGANCE[®]’ Program at National Head Start Conference

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., April 28, 2009– To coincide with the National Head Start Conference, Curriculum Associates is launching its new BRIGANCE Head Start System. Programs such as Head Start have trusted BRIGANCE products for more than 20 years. Now, there is a new system tailored specifically to meet the needs of Head Start programs. The system is designed to provide quick and easy screening and ongoing assessment of student skills to help determine each child’s specific needs, target instruction, and monitor progress.

The BRIGANCE Head Start system meets I.D.E.A.’s mandates of standardized screening on developmental domains, including communication, motor, and academic/pre-academic skills, and provides ongoing assessments of the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework Domains.

The BRIGANCE Head Start system comes packaged in a variety of kit configurations and includes:

- *BRIGANCE Head Start Screens*—Screens are valid, reliable, and standardized, and take just 10-15 minutes per child. They are available for Head Start (ages 3, 4, 5) and Early Head Start (ages infant to 35 months).
- *BRIGANCE Head Start Developmental Inventory*—Correlated to Head Start and Early Head Start Screens, this inventory provides ongoing assessment organized by Head Start Domain and gives teachers an in-depth understanding of a child’s skills, enabling them to plan appropriate, individualized instruction and measure progress.
- *BRIGANCE Readiness Activities*—Correlated to the *Inventory*, these research-based activities enable teachers to link assessment to developmentally appropriate instruction.
- *BRIGANCE Head Start Online Management System*—This system is easy to use and tracks student, class and program data and generates teacher, parent, and administrator

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reports. In addition, based on BRIGANCE Screen and Developmental Inventory results, it automatically recommends individualized next steps, including appropriate instructional activities and school-home connections.

“Head Start programs have proven to be a catalyst for future student success. The BRIGANCE system is a perfect fit for Head Start because it provides assessments and instructional activities to help children develop the key skills they need to be successful in school,” said Robert L. Waldron, president of Curriculum Associates, “We understand the urgency and need for quality early childhood education and development, especially for our most underserved children, and we’re proud to help Head Start programs prepare children for Kindergarten.”

Pricing and Availability

The BRIGANCE for Head Start system will be available at the end of summer 2009. Get the entire integrated Head Start System for a special introductory price of \$999 for up to 20 children for three years.

About Curriculum Associates

Founded in 1969, privately-owned Curriculum Associates, Inc. is dedicated to designing research-based instructional materials, screens and assessments, and data management tools. The company’s products and outstanding customer services provide teachers and administrators with the resources necessary for teaching a diverse student population and fostering learning for all students. For company and product information visit Curriculum Associates on the Web at <http://www.cainc.com> or call 1-800-225-0248.

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