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Branagh Information Group to Provide Training on the ERS Data System at GAYC

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Branagh Information Group's Tricia Sifford, Cody Carlton and Mary Frances Lynch will train the DECAL assessor team and all state R&Rs at the upcoming **Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) Conference** in Atlanta, GA. The training for the DECAL assessor team is on Thursday September 25, 2014, from 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and the training for the state R&R staff is on Friday, September 26, 2014, from 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

The training will be a refresher for previously trained staff, training for new users, as well as training for administrative staff and will include:

- Overall software review
- New worksheets
- Portal
- Reports
- Tips and tricks

For more information about the training, please contact Tricia Sifford at Tricia.Sifford@BranaghGroup.com. To register for the conference, visit <http://gayconline.org/conference/>.

About the Trainer

Tricia Sifford, Director of Early Learning Initiatives

Tricia has worked in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) field for 25 years at various levels, with more than 10 years of data analysis experience to assist programs with quality improvement efforts. Her current position with Branagh Information Group involves customer support for users of the QRIS Data System and ERS Data System; support includes assistance with data management, analysis of data collection and data outcome results. Tricia understands that data collection can easily become overwhelming and time consuming and she is excited to share how to make sense of the numbers to tell a story in order to effect change.

Cody Carlton, E-Learning Director, Branagh Information Group

Cody has more than 18 years of training experience in both corporate and educational settings. He held positions as an early childhood classroom teacher and an adjunct faculty member in early care and education. While at the South Carolina Department of Education, Cody served as the State Anchor/Coordinator for the ECERS-R, overseeing a statewide team of assessors. In his current position with Branagh Information Group, he oversees the development of online training courses for the Environment Rating Scales in collaboration with the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI).

Mary Frances Lynch, Product Support & Development Coordinator, Branagh Information Group

Mary has 15 years of experience working with data systems to ensure that the integrity of the data collected is of a high quality for accurate reporting and analyses. Prior to working at Branagh Information Group, she coordinated an evaluation of the TEACH scholarship program and participated in the development of Pennsylvania's QRIS - Keystone STARS, where she was part of the ERS Assessment Team and NW Regional Key. At Branagh Information Group, Mary

is responsible for customer support through the entire lifecycle of the ERS Data System product, which includes software development and implementation, software updates, training and technical support.

About Branagh Information Group

The Branagh Information Group (BIG) has extensive experience building innovative research and program monitoring database applications. Our data systems are geared toward early childhood evaluation and quality rating improvement systems. BIG creates customized solutions for early child initiatives that can include online training, mobile assessments and quality rating and analysis. For more information, please visit www.BranaghGroup.com.