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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

**What:** Dr. Valerie Campbell, Infant/Toddler Specialist and Office Manager at Region IV's Mississippi office through STG International's TA Contract with DHHS, will be participating in the focus forum: **"Diverse Children, Diverse Needs: Serving Head Start's Unique Population"** at the 2009 National Head Start Association's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The theme of this year's event is "Beyond Boundaries: New Approaches and New Strategies".

Ms. Campbell and her fellow forum participants will be speaking about the opportunities and challenges created by the diverse composition of the Head Start program and how to address those challenges to help all children achieve the best outcomes. Ms. Campbell and the other experts will explore issues critical to some of Head Start's unique populations such as children who are homeless or in foster care, children from various multicultural backgrounds, and children who have special needs.

For more information on the event, please visit:  
[http://www.nhsa.org/?e=events.detail&event\\_id=37](http://www.nhsa.org/?e=events.detail&event_id=37)

**Who:** Valerie Campbell, Infant/Toddler Specialist and Office Manager at Region IV's Mississippi office through STG International and other experts will be addressing attendees.

**When:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m- 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.