

# Technology Tools for the Tough Tasks: Plug In for Great Outcomes

“Online tools that make program administration easier”

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Wouldn't it be great if every early childhood program came with an instruction manual and a GPS that provided administrators and teachers with everything they needed to know about managing the administration of the center and offering learning experiences based on individual needs and interests? And, even better, wouldn't it be fantastic if all of the work was done with a few clicks and key-strokes? While my dreams might be a little far-fetched, there are a lot of easy-to-use online tools that can help teachers and administrators with the tough tasks involved in running efficient, responsive, and intentional programs. The efficiencies offered through these systems allow busy educators to spend less time managing information and more time doing the work that matters the most — working with staff, families, and children. Online systems help teachers and admin-



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istrators serve families better, faster, and more efficiently, dig deeply into children's learning, and plan and report based on this information. There are systems that also offer features that help us enrich their experiences with media and parent engagement. It's all right at our fingertips.

As easy as it is to find technology solutions to your administrative problems, identifying your program's needs can take time and step by step planning, but it can be as simple as 1-2-3-4.

## Step 1: Identify and Prioritize Your Program's Administrative Technology Needs

### What problems do you want to solve?

Technology products are designed because people — potential customers — have problems they want to solve and challenges they must conquer. Chances are that you and/or the staff members in your program have already identified some challenges you would like to tackle, and you know there are technology tools that can help. There must be some impetus for your interest in technology, or you wouldn't start looking! The first step is identifying and prioritizing the problems you would like to solve.

In order to identify the priorities, it will help to know the types of solutions that

are available. The following technology product categories will help you sort and classify the products you may want to consider.

- **Child data management systems: Organizing and reporting data about children, families, and staff.** Child data management systems help you manage the day-to-day operation of your program. They include functionality to manage waiting lists, registration, child placement, parent information, emergency contacts, immunizations, attendance, billing, reports for licensing and regulatory agencies, transportation, health records, nutrition information, and much more. Some of these systems are designed specifically for Head Start, and some are intended for fee-based or other types of early childhood programs.
- **Assessment Systems: Child assessment and reporting progress to parents and regulatory agencies.** These systems allow teachers and administrators to assess and track children's progress on specific measures, report on individual and group progress, use the information for program planning, develop individualized portfolios for children, and may or may not include features that allow parents to access progress data. Some of the assessment systems may also

include activity planning that integrates the results of individual and group assessment to the planning process, so classroom experiences are directly related to the children's abilities. Some of these systems rely on teachers and administrators to input data, observations, and portfolios, and others are computer-based programs in which children interact with the computer and their responses are scored. These systems are typically designed to use in all types of early learning programs (Head Start, child care, Pre-K, etc.).

### ■ Activity Planning Systems: Activity planning and classroom management.

Fairly new to the market as a stand-alone product, there is now an option for planning classroom activities that allows users to select and schedule specific activities, music, and books and produce online and printed activity plans.

The lines that define these categories are blurry, because some of the products include a few features from other categories; but each product has its own primary purpose.

### Make a list, and check it twice

Taking an intentional approach to assessing your program's needs is simple: Gather a team of teachers, technology specialists (if you have them), and other administrators, and make a list of the problems you would like to solve with online systems. Be specific about your needs. Be sure to list the *problems and challenges*, as well as some of the elements you would like to have, like "formal formatted activity plans" or "online portfolios." If your program has specific technology requirements, be sure to capture those and write them down, too.

*The Online Systems for Early Childhood Program Management Features Chart* in

this article will provide you with some ideas of the features you might want in the systems you consider. While the list of products and features outlined in the chart and the directory below is robust, it is not comprehensive. There are many more products in each of the respective categories, and each of the products on the list offers more features than I was able to list due to space limitations. It will be important to consult with your team to figure out exactly what everyone needs, and do your homework to learn more about each of the products and their features. The end result of all of your planning will be a shopping list to guide you through the next steps.

### Step 2: Start Shopping!

This step is where you do your research, but that doesn't sound like as much fun as shopping, so we will call it shopping! Using *The Online Systems for Early Childhood Program Management Features Chart* in this article, you and your technology team can compare the products in the categories that are most relevant to your program. That will give you an idea of which tools fit your program best. But, don't stop there! Search for other products to consider. (Just because they are not on my list doesn't mean they are not good; it just means I didn't have the space or time to include them, or was otherwise unable to collect information about them.) You and your team can search for more products by:

#### ■ Using the computer:

- **Use search engines to search** for terms like "child care data management system," "online early childhood assessment system," "child care waiting lists," "head start program information management systems," "early childhood portfolios," "child care waiting lists," and other search terms. Don't limit yourself to the results on the first page or the lists that appear on the right side of the page. Dig

deeper and go to a couple of other pages of results to see what you find. You may uncover some reviews and information from other users.

- **Consult your networks.** If you use online networking like email discussion groups, forums, LinkedIn, Facebook, or Twitter, post requests for advice about which tools to consider. Your colleagues will be happy to help you!
- **Consult your associations:** Check in with your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency by visiting their website for online resources. You might also find resources listed on association sites. For example, The National Head Start Association offers a free resource guide at <http://nhsaresourceguide.com/> that might provide more ideas about products.

#### ■ Using offline resources:

- **Scan advertisements** in *Exchange*, on [www.ChildCareExchange.com](http://www.ChildCareExchange.com), and *ExchangeEveryDay (EED)*, as well as other journals and websites of associations. While many companies that offer fabulous products might not advertise due to cost, those that do are heavily invested in the early childhood community and have the resources to not only invest in advertising, but also in their tools. Investing in advertising *may* translate into an indication of higher-quality, best-selling products.
- **Check out the companies that sponsor** associations, conferences, and sessions at conferences. And, walk the aisles in the conference exhibit halls to see the products that are available. Again, this is not always an indication of quality, but it is one factor that indicates that these companies care about and invest in the field, which often results in products that reflect the needs of the field.
- **Make some phone calls** to colleagues and ask about product recommendations at meetings.

### Step 3: Evaluate the Products

Most of the companies that sell online products make it very easy to inquire about their products. Assuming you will conduct a Google search and may also use the listing of vendors in this article, you should start your evaluation at the source — the companies' websites. Almost all of the vendors offer free online video or live demonstrations, and

some even provide free 30-day trials of the products. But wait! Before you dive into the free trial, you should:

- Read as much as you can about the tool first. If you can get an instruction manual, do so. It will help you be purposeful during your trial period.
- See it in action:
  - Vendors often offer the opportunity

to register for free live group demonstrations or video demonstrations to see the system in action. If so, participate!

- Make appointments with sales representatives who can tell you about how the system works. When you meet with representatives, in addition to asking the obvious questions like price and functionality, ask the following (often overlooked) questions:

Child Assessment and Screening Systems
<b>Curriculum Associates</b>
<b>BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years</b> provides three cut-off scores: One for identifying developmental delays, one for identifying potential academic talent or giftedness, and one for identifying delays due to psychosocial risk factors. When administered in the fall and spring, the Screens can be used to show student progress and to document program effectiveness.
<b>BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months</b> provides three cut-off scores: One for identifying developmental delays, one for identifying potential academic talent or giftedness, and one for identifying delays due to psychosocial risk factors. The Screens takes approximately 10-15 minutes per child and can be administered by anyone.
<b>BRIGANCE Screens K&amp;1</b> includes three cut-off scores: One for identifying developmental delays, one for identifying potential academic talent or giftedness, and one for identifying delays due to psychosocial risk factors. The Screens can be administered in about 10-15 minutes per child and no special user qualifications are necessary to administer.
<b>Pearson Clinical Assessment</b>
<b>Work Sampling System</b> is the most researched observation tool on the market. This research not only includes work done by Work Sampling authors, but also by independent researchers with no affiliation to Pearson. All of the research supports the efficacy of using Work Sampling, not only in pre-kindergarten programs, but in the primary grades as well. The Work Sampling System also offers a digital pen that allows teachers to quickly jot down observations and upload them directly into the web-based platform where they can be classified instantly.
<b>DIAL-4</b> (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) — In addition to being valid and reliable, DIAL-4 has been developed to be more appealing to young children and easier for early childhood professionals to score and interpret. During the standardization phase of development, one four year old asked “Can we play these games again tomorrow?” The group reporting feature of the DIAL-4 Online Scoring and Reporting System is offered at no additional charge to the customer.
<b>ESI-R</b> (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) is valid and reliable and can be administered to a child in 15 minutes. A normative update was published in 2008.
<b>Red-e Set Grow, LLC</b>
<b>OnlineCOR.net for Preschoolers</b> can be used by any type of center and with any curriculum. The Child Observation Record (COR) is internationally known as an authentic, research-validated, observation based assessment tool. Thousands of programs all over the world have chosen COR because they know that it is effective and has been proven through research over and over again.
<b>OnlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers</b> can be used by any type of center and with any curriculum. The Child Observation Record (COR) is internationally known as an authentic, research-validated, observation-based assessment tool. Thousands of programs all over the world have chosen COR because they know that it is effective and has been proven through research, over and over again.
<b>Learning Accomplishment Profile — Diagnostic Edition</b>
<b>Learning Accomplishment Profile Diagnostic (LAP-D) Edition</b> can be administered in both English and Spanish. As a diagnostic tool the LAP-D generates Standard Scores and uses separate norm tables (English and Spanish) for producing scores.
<b>Learning Accomplishment Profile — Third Edition (LAP-3)</b> is an on-going observation-based assessment tool used to monitor specific skill development in children. The LAP-3 is appropriate for both typical and atypical developing children.
<b>Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP)</b> provides teachers, administrators, and families with information about each child's development across 6 domains and is appropriate for children with both typical and atypical development. Results from the E-LAP can be used when planning for a child's individual family service plan (IFSP).
<b>Learning Accomplishment Profile — Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds</b> can be administered in both English and Spanish.
<b>Online ELSA.net</b> — Early Literacy Skills Assessment (ELSA) is an authentic assessment in the form of a children's storybook. It is a generic instrument designed to measure the emerging literacy skills of children attending early childhood programs, including but not limited to programs using the HighScope educational approach. Can be administered in both English and Spanish.
<b>OnlinePQA.net</b> — Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP)
<b>Robert-Leslie Publishing</b> — Assessment and Intervention System helps teachers execute and document authentic and performance assessment using ten key domains; plan differentiated instruction for each child; utilize intervention strategies to further develop skills; include families in the assessment process; evaluate the program as a whole in order to make adjustments and improvements.
<b>Teaching Strategies, Inc.</b>
<b>Teaching Strategies GOLD®</b> offers seamless assessment system, birth through kindergarten; ability to assess progress of English-language and dual-language learners; “Sand-box” for teachers to practice; strong validity and reliability results; interrater reliability certification built in the online system. The user interface on the teacher site can be toggled into Spanish; Spanish versions of most reports; ability to use the instrument in dual-language or Spanish immersion programs; assessment items are aligned to the 3 OSEP Outcomes and reports can be generated effortlessly.

- If the system is designed to be used by administrators, teachers, and/or parents, ask the representatives to demonstrate how all users interact with the system.
- How do users access technical support and ‘onboarding’ support for new users? (In other words, how will the company help you be successful as a user of the product.)
- How much training is optimal, and how is training available? Are there additional fees for training?
- Are there any fees beyond those quoted? Are there fees for updates and enhancements?
- Are there any specific technical requirements for your equipment that need to be in place to use the software or online system?
- If you are currently using a product and you are planning to switch to a new product, ask if the vendor will help transfer the data into the new system, or if they have tools to help with that process.
- Ask for references and/or testimonials from current users.
- Ask for a written quote that includes EVERYTHING you will

**Child Assessment and Screening Systems (continued)**

**The Source for Learning, Inc.**  
**PreschoolFirst** is an online, observation-based early childhood assessment system that interconnects developmental progress, learning activities, and educational decisions. PreschoolFirst’s research-based formative tool builds on each child’s prior knowledge and experience, and it integrates with a play-based, flexible curriculum framework. PreschoolFirst’s publisher, The Source for Learning, Inc., is a non-profit organization. PreschoolFirst offers multiple progress report formats to meet specific teacher and program needs.

**Child Data Management Systems: General**

**BumbleBee Childcare Software**  
**BumbleBee Waiting List Manager** is simple to set up and use to manage your waiting lists and enrollment. It requires almost no training and works with your existing software.

**Procare Software**  
**Procare** is an excellent solution for both single centers and corporate organizations. Let Procare’s flexible modular format help you with data and accounting management, parent email and texting, online pre-registration and waiting lists, tuition processing, time and attendance tracking, meal counts, payroll, overall financial reporting, door security, and more.

**Procare Data Hosting** — Access your secure data from anywhere, whether you’re at work, at home, or on the go. Get all the time-saving features of Procare in a hosted version with real-time access to all child, family, and accounting information. Let your child care management solution be there — wherever you are.

**SofterWare, Inc.**

**EZCare Online** is very class and child oriented. Since it is a purely online product, the ability to access it anytime, anywhere is a huge bonus. Also it makes sharing the data with parents extremely easy through our Parent Portal and Web Registration modules. Another big difference is that everything is included for one monthly price (no extra costs for additional modules). Being an administrative-based software product, there are many features such as Billing and Online Payments, TimeClock, Scheduling and Attendance, and Parent Communication that makes our software so powerful.

**EZ-CARE2** is an extremely powerful program that has been on the market for a very long time. It has the ability to add any additional fields and allows you to place those fields anywhere you like on the screens. EZ-CARE2 is sold by modules, allowing you to only purchase what you need and then add on any additional modules as you grow. EZ-CARE2 can be installed on your own computers or hosted on our servers, allowing you to access it online with just an Internet connection. EZ-CARE2 has a custom report writer that allows users to create virtually any report they would like.

**Child Data Management Systems: For Head Start Programs**

**Assessment Technology Incorporated**

**Galileo Pre-K Online** provides a data-driven, standards-aligned approach to the management of learning for children from infancy through age five. Galileo provides early childhood educators and stakeholders a complete and fully integrated assessment, curriculum, and reporting system that links assessment, planning, individualization, and program progress to local, state, and federal requirements. ATI uses Item Response Theory (IRT) methods for conducting psychometric analyses of the Galileo assessment scales to estimate key item parameters for skills and knowledge being observed with the scales (i.e., discrimination and difficulty). These methods establish a continuous interval scale that can be used to measure growth and help early childhood educators effectively determine developmentally appropriate learning opportunities.

**ChildPlus Software**

**ChildPlus.net** is the nation’s premier Head Start management software. It’s designed exclusively for Head Start/EHS agencies to efficiently and effectively track data. From calculating the PIR and meeting Performance Standards to entering applications and tracking attendance to managing and reporting data, ChildPlus.net does it all! ChildPlus is the nation’s most widely used Head Start/EHS program management software and has been chosen by over 1,000 agencies. Our sole focus has been to provide agencies of all sizes the most effective and comprehensive software that addresses the essential components of Head Start management.

**COPA**

**COPA** contains a powerful, unique and fully customizable assessment platform that can automate multiple numbers of assessment tools for children and families.

**Activity Planning Systems**

**iActiveLearning.com**

**ProFile Planner** is a cross-platform digital management system that incorporates video, music, activities, children’s books, and software apps at your finger-tips. Minimizes the planning time and allows teachers to view plans to make sure all standards are being implemented. Teacher activity books purchased through the iActive bookstore get included in the user’s library and can be used in on-line lesson planning.

need to use the software. Everything!

- Be sure to make a list of other questions that arise from demonstrations and or product research.
- Invite at least one representative from every group who will use the system to preview the system, too. For example, if the system requires input from teachers and parents, a teacher and a parent should test the system.
- All of the testers should carve out a couple of hours per day to replicate real use scenarios and use real data.
- Provide testers with an evaluation form to complete to provide their feedback about the product.

#### Step 4: Make a Selection

Often, through the evaluation process, for one reason or another, a clear choice will emerge. But it is not uncommon to have varying opinions on selection teams. That's where the evaluation forms come into play. Your team will have to go through all of the evaluation forms and tally them to make the final selection. Once the selection is made and contract signed, you and your team will move on to plan to roll out your new system!

#### Connecting with the Vendors

The following list of vendors and the information presented in *The Online Systems for Early Childhood Program Management Features Chart* is completely objective because the information was compiled through an online survey completed by representatives of each of the companies. Inclusion in this list is not necessarily an endorsement by *Exchange* or me. This list is by no means, comprehensive, but it will provide you with a starting point.

PRODUCT INFORMATION		PLATFORM						ASSESSMENT FEATURES						
Product Name/Company Name	Age range in months	SaaS or cloud computing	Desktop	Net-worked	App for mobile devices	Paper and pencil	Other Product Platforms	Observation-based	Performance-based	Screening tool	Assessment based on a research-based methodology	Assessment linked to a specific curriculum	Researched for validity and reliability	Reporting aggregate outcomes to inform program plannings
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates	0-35						paper with online scoring available	■	■	■	■		■	■
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■			■	■		■			■		■	■
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■			■	■		■			■		■	■
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	0-66						web-based	■		■	■	■	■	■
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	0-72	■				■		■	■		■		■	■
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-72	■				■		■			■		■	■
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	30-71					■	web-based scoring and reporting platform		■	■			■	
OnlineCOR.net for Preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■			■	■		■			■		■	■
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■			■	■			■		■		■	■
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-132					■	web-based platform	■	■				■	■
The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing	36-60		■			■		■	■	■	■	■	■	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60	■			■	■				■			■	■
OnlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60	■	■			■			■		■		■	■
ESI-R (Earaly Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-71					■	web-based scoring and reporting		■	■				
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-72	■			■	■		■			■		■	■
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates	60-72					■	web-based scoring		■	■	■		■	■
OnlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	N/A – environmental rating scale	■			■	■		■					■	■
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages	■		■						■				
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages		■	■			can be hosted for online access	■	■					
Procare Software by Procare Software	Client management software/accounting		■	■		■								■
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software	Remote access management software	■				■								
COPA by COPA	0-12+	■			■					■				■
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	0-60	■		■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	N/A – agency administrators		■	■			web-based	■				■	■	■
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	0-72	■			■			■						
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software	0-72+	■												
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates	36-60						paper with web-based scoring		■	■	■		■	■

PRODUCT	ASSESSMENT FEATURES									
Product Name/Company Name	Reporting aggregate outcomes for state/Federal/other requirements	Reporting Individual outcomes to parents	User-defined reporting	Aligned to state PreK standards	Aligned to Head Start standards	Aligned to other standards	Alignment to standards/objectives can be customized	Aligned to other standards	Other Features	
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates		■	■	■	■					
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■					Key developmental indicators		
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC		■	■					OSEP		
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	■	■	■	■	■			ECO	Criterion-referenced tool. Formative planning and scheduling. Supports individual children with developmental differences.	
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Military, common core state standards	Interrater Reliability Certification. Ability to assess progress of English and dual-language learners; includes Home Language Survey; assessment of language and literacy objectives in both English and Spanish. Universal design; OSEP Reporting.	
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■			■					
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	■	■			■	■		NAEYC, National Goals Panel	Group reports can be filtered by child demographics.	
OnlineCOR.net for Preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■	■	■	■		Key developmental indicators		
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■					
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	Common core standards	Optional alignment to Opening the World of Learning curriculum. Aligned with the Ounce Scale observational assessment for infants and toddlers.	
The Investigator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing		■	■	■	■	■		NAEYC accreditation criteria, NAEYC and IRA joint position statement, NCLB, Early Reading First, NAEYC and NCTM joint position statement, National Science Education Standards	Performance Assessment Cards and Authentic Assessment Forms.	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC									Cut-scores assist in identifying potentially 'at risk' children in need of additional evaluation.	
OnlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC		■								
ESI-R (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment		■								
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■	■	■					
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates		■	■	■	■					
OnlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC										
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.		■	■							
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	■	■	■							
Procare Software by Procare Software	■		■			■	■	Management software	Customer tuition processing, customer and year-end statements, financial reporting, online registration. Enrollment management, immunizations, scheduling, FTEs, attendance management, proof positive fingerprint check in/out. Full accounting functionality: Payroll, Payables, and General Ledger.	
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software										
COPA by COPA	■	■	■	■	■		■			
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	■	■	■							
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com						■		Activities link to common state standards for planning purposes		
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software										
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates		■		■	■					

PRODUCT INFORMATION		CHILD/STUDENT PORTFOLIOS					
Product Name/Company Name	Age range in months	Portfolios can include work samples, photos, videos, audio files, etc.	Used to support observation-based assessment	Used to support planning	Parents can view portfolios	Parents can add comments or items to portfolios	\Other features
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates	0-35						
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■	■	■	■		
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■	■	■	■	■	
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	0-66						
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	0-72	■	■	■	■	■	Team members (e.g., speech therapist, occupational therapist) can add documentation to the portfolio. Assessment Opportunity Cards in literacy and numeracy. Other user-friendly recording tools such as On the Spot Observation Recording Tool and forms/checklists for Alphabet Knowledge, Shapes, and Numerals.
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-72		■	■			
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	30-71						
ONlineCOR.net for preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■	■	■	■	■	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■	■	■	■	■	Create planning document for IEP meetings.
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-132	■	■	■	■	■	Communication tools for teachers and parents.
The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing	36-60	■	■	■	■	■	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60						
ONlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60						
ESH-R (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-71						
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-72	■	■	■	■	■	
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates	60-72						
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	N/A – environmental rating scale						
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages						
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages	■					
Procare Software by Procare Software	Client management software/ accounting						
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software	Remote access management software						
COPA by COPA	0-12+	■	■	■			
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	0-60	■	■	■	■	■	
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	N/A – agency administrators						
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	0-72	■		■	■	■	
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software	0-72+						
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates	36-60			■			

PRODUCT	CURRICULUM PLANNING FEATURES								
	Daily planning	Weekly Planning Capability/View	Monthly Planning Capability/View	Based on a specific curriculum or approach	Allows teachers to select experiences/activities/projects from a set of choices	Produces printable classroom activity plans	Teachers can add multimedia (music, video, apps) and book selections to their plans	Favorite plans/activities can be saved as favorites	Other features
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates									
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■	■		■	
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■	■			
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	Add Own Activity Ideas. Planning by Class/Group OR Individual Child. Monthly Planning Capability.
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	■	■		■	■	■		■	Template for creating and saving custom activities. Recommended activities based on the competencies of individual children and the class. Submit Weekly Planning Form electronically to administrators for review and feedback.
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■				■	■			
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment									
ONlineCOR.net for preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■	■		■	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■	■			
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment						■			
The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC									
ONlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC									
ESI-R (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment									
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■	■	■		■	■			
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates									Teachers can use aggregate Screening results to balance classrooms and inform instruction.
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC									
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.									
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	■	■	■	■	■				
Procare Software by Procare Software									
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software									
COPA by COPA									
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software									
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	■	■			■	■	■	■	View and reuse past lesson plans. Organize plans by topic or studies.
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software									
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates									Teachers can plan instruction based on aggregate screening results.

PRODUCT INFORMATION		PARENT COMMUNICATION FEATURES						
Product Name/Company Name	Age range in months	Parents log in to a secure site to see information about their children	Observations provided for parents	Images, videos, and other file provided for parents	Parents can submit comments and communicate with parents	Parents can see activities and plans	Parents receive progress updates	Other features
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates	0-35							Parents complete Parent Report Forms to make that school to home connection.
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■	■	■		■	■	
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36	■	■	■		■	■	
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	0-66	■	■		■	■	■	Parents can enter observations. Parents can mark favorite activities.
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	0-72	■	■	■	■	■	■	Share Weekly Planning Form and Activities with families. Template for creating web-based Newsletter; Online Monthly Calendar for sharing class events with families. Development and Learning Report with suggested activities; Family Conference Form.
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-72						■	
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	30-71							individual child report is shared with parents.
ONlineCOR.net for preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■	■	■		■	■	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	30-72	■	■	■		■	■	
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-132	■			■			
The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing	36-60		■				■	Interactive website with parent activities, Parent As Teacher Bulletins, support. Family Welcome Guide, newsletters. Family Investigation Nights, surveys, scheduled conference opportunities.
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60							
ONlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-60							
ESH-R (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	36-71							
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	36-72	■	■	■		■	■	
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates	60-72							Parents complete Parent Report Forms to make that school to home connection.
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	N/A – environmental rating scale							
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages	■	■		■			
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages		■				■	
Procare Software by Procare Software	Client management software/ accounting							Statements for parents reflecting tuition and other fees/credits. Texts and emails. Notifications and notes for parents at check in/out.
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software	Remote access management software							
COPA by COPA	0-12+							
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	0-60	■	■	■	■	■	■	
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	N/A – agency administrators							
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	0-72	■	■	■		■	■	
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software	0-72+	■					■	
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates	36-60							Parent complete Parent Report Forms so teachers can gather data from parents.

PRODUCT	SUPPORT FEATURES														
	Included in the cost of the product	Enhanced support services available for a fee	Provided by On-line Chat	Provided by Email	Provided by Phone	Embedded	Contextual Help	Printable Users Manuals	Implementation Support for New Users	Online Self-Paced Training	Training Webinars	On-line Tutorials	Recorded Webinars	Support Hours	Other Features
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates	■	■		■	■						■	■	■	M-F, Business hours	On site training available.
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	9:00 am-5:30 pm EST	Pilot Program Options.
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	8:00 am-7 pm EST	Onsite Professional Development in computer lab; conferences. Support through social media (Facebook, Twitter, listserv, etc.).
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	7:00 am-6:00 pm CT	
ONlineCOR.net for preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■						
The Work Sampling System by Pearson Clinical Assessment	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	7:00 am - 8:00 pm EST	
The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System by Robert-Leslie Publishing	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	8:00 am-5:00 pm	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
ONlineELSA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
ESI-R (Early Screening Inventory, Revised) by Pearson Clinical Assessment	■			■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	7:00 am - 6:00 pm CT	
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Third Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates	■	■		■	■						■	■	■	M-F, Business hours	
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	■			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	8:00 am-5:30 pm, M-F	
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■		
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	8:30 am-7:30 pm EST	
Procare Software by Procure Software	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	6:00 am-4:00 pm PST, M-F	Subject Related Videos Forums, community and instructor-led training.
Procure Data Hosting by Procure Software															
COPA by COPA	■			■	■	■	■	■	■			■			
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	8-5 Mon-Fri MST	
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■		
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	8:00 - 5:30 Mon - Fri	
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■		
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates	■	■		■	■							■	■	M-F business hours	On-site training available.

PRODUCT INFORMATION		CHILD DATA MANAGEMENT FEATURES										
Product Name/Company Name	Age range in months	Waiting lists	Immunizations	Attendance	Billing	Family identification verification	Food/nutrition reporting	Head Start specific reports (i.e., PIR)	Online registration	Online payments	Staff data management	Customized reports
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates	0-35											
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36											
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-36											
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.	0-66											
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.	0-72											
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	0-72											
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BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates	60-72											
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC	N/A – environmental rating scale											
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages											
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	All ages	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Procare Software by Procare Software	Client management software/accounting	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Procare Data Hosting by Procare Software	Remote access management software											
COPA by COPA	0-12+	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated	0-60	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				■
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	N/A – agency administrators	■	■	■		■		■			■	■
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com	0-72											
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software	0-72+	■							■	■		■
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates	36-60											

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PRODUCT	CHILD DATA MANAGEMENT FEATURES			
Product Name/Company Name	Mail and/or document merge with word processing	Email system	Integrates with other products	Other Features
BRIGANCE Screens 0 to 35 months by Curriculum Associates				
ONlineCOR.net for Infants and Toddlers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
Early Learning Accomplishment Profile (E-LAP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
PreschoolFirst by The Source for Learning, Inc.				
Teaching Strategies GOLD by Teaching Strategies, Inc.				
Electronic Tool for Observation and Planning (eTOP) by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) by Pearson Clinical Assessment				
ONlineCOR.net for preschoolers by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
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Learning Accomplishment Profile – Screens for 3, 4, and 5 year olds by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
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BRIGANCE Screens K&1 by Curriculum Associates				
ONlinePQA.net by Red-e Set Grow, LLC				
EZCare Online by SofterWare, Inc.				
EZ-CARE2 by SofterWare, Inc.	■	■	OneCallNow, Constant Contact, QuickBooks	
Procure Software by Procure Software	■	■	Corporate Manager integrates with any accounting or payroll service.	
Procure Data Hosting by Procure Software				
COPA by COPA	■	■	Intranet software	Automated attendance, inventory tracking, document management and routing, site monitoring, electronic documents, volunteer tracking, community resources, calendar Various reports including: Attendance & Meal Count, Enrollment, Developmental, Assessment, Health & Disability, Transportation & Emergency, Visits & Case Notes, Referrals, Volunteers & In-Kind, and more
Galileo Pre-K Online by Assessment Technology Incorporated			Yes, export to other databases as well as import	
ChildPlus.net by ChildPlus Software	■		Teaching Strategies Gold	Internal Monitoring Suite Directors Dashboard
ProFile Planner by iActiveLearning.com				
BumbleBee Waiting List Manager by BumbleBee Childcare Software		■	Procure, EZ Care2	
BRIGANCE Screens 3 to 5 years by Curriculum Associates				