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Dyslexia Association to Sponsor Statewide Conference for Educators, School Administrators and Parents

(August 14, 2006) – The Nebraska branch of the *International Dyslexia Association* (IDA) is hosting a statewide conference in Lincoln on September 16 for educators, school administrators and parents.

The 1-day conference will focus on “Response to Intervention,” a statewide initiative that helps educators determine the best type of instruction to help serve struggling students earlier, more effectively, and more efficiently. Response to intervention is being piloted in several school districts in Nebraska, and colleges are beginning to add it to their teacher training programs.

“Students who struggle with reading in the early school years may struggle throughout school unless they receive appropriate intervention,” says Carolyn Brandle, president of the Nebraska IDA and a special education instructor. “We’re sponsoring this event to help support the Nebraska Department of Education’s response to intervention initiative.”

Dr. Jack M. Fletcher, a noted researcher and Professor of Psychology and child neuropsychologist from the University of Houston, will explain response to intervention, why it’s important, and why it works. Other speakers include representatives from the Nebraska Department of Education, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Educational Psychology Department, Doane College’s Education Department, and Lincoln Public Schools. In addition, representatives from several school districts in Nebraska where response to intervention is being piloted will discuss implementation and preliminary results of the program.

The conference is supported by the Nebraska Department of Education and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders.

Conference information is available on the Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association website in the “conferences” section <http://www.ne-ida.com/website?d=conferences>.

The mission of the Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is to improve educational opportunities for students with reading, writing and spelling deficits; promote education of teachers in research-based approaches to reading instruction; work with teacher education providers to require researched-based training for teacher certification; and provide information and support to parents and the public on reading problems.