

## DECA Assessment and Referral Process—Early Childhood Service Provider Edition

### DECA Assessment Administration Recommendations:

- Assess children 1 month to 36 months with the DECA-Infant/Toddler Assessment.
- Assess children 3 years up to 6 years old with the DECA-P2 Assessment.
- Re-assess children every 4 months (or adjust based on 3 times per school year).

### DECA Assessment (I/T & P2) Results & Next Steps:

Screening and referral process should be done in partnership with the family, & be based on individual child's needs. If family has concerns, please refer to appropriate services, regardless of screening test result.

<p><b>Level 1: Strength Range</b> <i>Protective Factor Scale T-scores are <b>greater than or equal to 60</b>.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (<i>For Now and Forever</i> guide provided in DECA Kit)</li> <li>2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment</li> <li>3. Perform development screening (ex. ASQ-3)</li> <li>4. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year</li> </ol>	<p><b>Level 2: Typical Range</b> <i>Protective Factor T-scores <b>between 41 and 59 inclusive</b> and/or T-scores <b>59 or below</b> on Behavioral Concerns (DECA-P2 only.)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor--rescreen</li> <li>2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment</li> <li>3. Consider facilitated referral* to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Healthcare Provider and/or;</li> <li>• Home visiting program and/or;</li> <li>• Inclusion services and/or;</li> <li>• Mental health provider (LCSW, LPC, Psy.D., etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Follow up with referral source if made</li> <li>5. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (<i>For Now and Forever</i> guide provided in DECA Kit)</li> <li>6. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)</li> <li>7. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year</li> </ol>	<p><b>Level 3: Concern/Area of Need Range</b> <i>Protective Factor Scale T-score <b>less than or equal to 40</b>, or a Behavioral Concerns Scale T-score <b>greater than or equal to 60</b>.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitated Referral* for further evaluation and/or services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Healthcare Provider and/or;</li> <li>• Home visiting program and/or;</li> <li>• Early intervention specialist and/or;</li> <li>• Inclusions Services and/or;</li> <li>• Mental Health provider (ex. LCSW, LPC, Psy.D., LMFT, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment</li> <li>3. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (<i>For Now and Forever</i> guide provided in DECA Kit)</li> <li>4. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)</li> <li>5. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year</li> </ol>
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#### **\*Facilitated Referral –**

1. Have staff assist parent with making referral.
2. Send information related to screening results to referral.
3. Follow up with referral source to ensure referral received, appointment occurred and to obtain results.

For more information about the Devereux Early Childhood Assessments, please contact the Devereux Center for Resilient Children at [www.centerforresilientchildren.org](http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org) or call (866) 872-4687.

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