

**Devereux Center for Resilient Children (DCRC) Assessment Tools:
The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Clinical Form (DECA-C)**

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Description	The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Clinical Form (DECA-C) is a behavior rating scale that is completed by parents and/or early childhood or mental health professionals which provides an assessment of within-child protective factors central to social and emotional health and resilience, as well as social and emotional concerns, in children ages 2 through 5 (i.e., up to the sixth birthday).
Authors and Publisher	Paul A. LeBuffe and Jack A. Naglieri (2002), Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, NC: www.kaplanco.com/devereux
Time to Administer	10-15 Minutes for paper version. Electronic version takes 5 minutes: Visit www.e-deca2.org .
Age range	Ages 2 through 5 (i.e., up to the sixth birthday)
Raters/Users	Parents and Early Childhood or Mental Health professionals rate the child. Level B Users score and interpret results.
Total items/Scales	62 items: <i>Total Protective Factors (TPF) Scales: Initiative, Self-Control, Attachment. Total Behavioral Concerns Scales: Attention Problems; Aggression; Emotional Control Problems; Withdrawal/Depression; and 4 items for Increased Concerns (not a scale).</i>
Reading level	Sixth-grade
Languages/culture	English and Spanish; culturally appropriate items (interpret results with culture in mind)
Cost per assessment/kit	Assessment: \$2 each. Kit: \$125.95 (30 assessments, <i>DECA-C Manual</i> , Norms Reference Card)
Psychometrics	Meets or exceeds professional standards (details in full summary or in User's Manual)
Standardization sample	Nationally representative sample of 2,000 children for protective factor scales and 1,108 for behavioral concerns scales
Standard Scores	Percentile ranks and T-scores are provided for each scale.
Advanced Interpretation	Individual Item Analysis; Comparisons Across Raters; Pretest-Posttest Comparison; Treatment Outcome Evaluation; Eligibility Guidelines; Percentage Delay
Strategies/Planning	Strength-based strategies and planning guidelines offered for caregivers and families in the accompanying DECA-P2 resources: www.centerforresilientchildren.org/home/dcrc-resources/
Electronic version	The electronic version of the DECA-C is part of the e-DECA web-based platform. Assessment options include per administration or per child. Visit www.e-deca2.org for more information.
Professional development	Many options for professional development on the DECA-C are available. Visit our website www.centerforresilientchildren.org/preschool/professional-development/ or contact Debi Mahler, Director of Training: dmahler@devereux.org

References:

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