

**Devereux Center for Resilient Children (DCRC) Assessment Tools:  
The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Infants (DECA-I)**

<b>DECA for Infants (DECA-I)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Infants (DECA-I) is a behavior rating scale which provides an assessment of within-child protective factors central to social and emotional health and resilience in infants ages 4 weeks up to 18 months. The DECA-I is part of the DECA-I/T Program which includes assessment for toddlers 18 months to 36 months.
<b>Authors and Publisher</b>	Mary Mackrain, Paul A. LeBuffe, and Gregg Powell (2007), Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, NC: <a href="http://www.kaplanco.com/devereux">www.kaplanco.com/devereux</a>
<b>Time to Administer</b>	5-10 Minutes for paper version. Electronic version takes 3-5 minutes. Visit <a href="http://www.e-deca2.org">www.e-deca2.org</a> .
<b>Age range</b>	Ages 4 weeks up to 18 months
<b>Raters/Users</b>	Parents/guardians, and teachers/caregivers
<b>Total items/Scales</b>	33 items: <i>Total Protective Factors (TPF): Initiative, Attachment/Relationships</i>
<b>Reading level</b>	Sixth-grade
<b>Languages</b>	English and Spanish; culturally appropriate items (interpret results with child's culture in mind)
<b>Cost per assessment/kit</b>	Assessment: \$1. Kit \$199.95: 20 Infant forms, 30 Toddler forms, 20 parent guides, User's Manual, Strategies Manual, 2 copies <i>Building Your Bounce</i> , and Norms card.
<b>Assessment and Screening Tool</b>	The DECA-I can be used as a screening tool or an assessment tool, depending on the <u>process and purpose</u> for which it is used. For more information: <a href="http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/frequently-asked-questions-infant-and-toddler/">www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/frequently-asked-questions-infant-and-toddler/</a>
<b>Psychometrics</b>	Meets or exceeds professional standards (details in full summary or in User's Manual)
<b>Standardization sample</b>	Nationally representative sample included 2,183 children ages 4 weeks to 36 months (45% infants and 55% toddlers)
<b>Standard scores</b>	Percentile ranks and T-scores are provided for each scale
<b>Advanced Interpretation</b>	Percentage Delay; Comparisons Across Raters; Pretest-Posttest Comparisons
<b>Strategies/Planning</b>	Strength-based strategies and planning guidelines offered for caregivers and families in the DECA-I resources: <a href="http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org/home/dcrc-resources">www.centerforresilientchildren.org/home/dcrc-resources</a>
<b>Electronic version</b>	The electronic version of the DECA-I is part of the e-DECA web-based platform. Visit <a href="http://www.e-deca2.org">www.e-deca2.org</a> for more information.
<b>Professional development</b>	Many options for professional development on the DECA-I are available. Visit our website <a href="http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/professional-development/">www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/professional-development/</a> or contact Debi Mahler, Director of Training: <a href="mailto:dmahler@devereux.org">dmahler@devereux.org</a>
<b>Meets Professional Standards</b>	Alignment matrices with other curricula and assessment tools, visit: <a href="http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/alignment-tools/">www.centerforresilientchildren.org/infants/alignment-tools/</a>

**References:**

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