

**Devereux Center for Resilient Children (DCRC) Assessment Tools:
The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Preschoolers, Second Edition (DECA-P2)**

DECA for Preschoolers (DECA-P2)	
Description	The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Preschoolers, Second Edition (DECA-P2) is a behavior rating scale that is completed by parents and/or teachers which provides an assessment of within-child protective factors central to social and emotional health and resilience, as well as a screener for behavioral concerns in children ages 3 through 5 (i.e., up to the sixth birthday).
Authors and Publisher	Paul A. LeBuffe and Jack A. Naglieri (2012), Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lewisville, NC: www.kaplanco.com/devereux
Time to Administer	5-10 Minutes for paper version. Electronic version takes 3-5 minutes. Visit www.e-deca2.org .
Age range	Ages 3 through 5 (i.e., up to the sixth birthday)
Raters/Users	Parents/guardians, and teachers/caregivers
Total items/Scales	38 items: <i>Total Protective Factors (TPF), Initiative, Self-Regulation, Attachment/Relationships</i>
Reading level	Sixth-grade
Languages	English and Spanish; culturally appropriate items (interpret results with child's culture in mind)
Cost per assessment/kit	Assessment: \$1. Kit: \$209.95: 40 DECA-P2 record forms, Parent guides (20), User's Guide, Strategies Guide, FLIP IT [®] , and Building Your Bounce (2)
Assessment and Screening Tool	The DECA-P2 can be used as either a screening tool or an assessment tool, depending on the <u>process and purpose</u> for which it is used. For more information: www.centerforresilientchildren.org/preschool/frequently-asked-questions-preschool/
Psychometrics	Meets or exceeds professional standards (details in full summary or in User's Manual)
Standardization sample	Nationally representative sample included 3,553 children ages 3-5
Standard scores	Percentile ranks and T-scores are provided for each scale.
Advanced Interpretation	Individual Item Analysis; Percentage Delay; Comparisons Across Raters; Pretest-Posttest Comparison; Evaluating Outcomes at the Child and Program Levels
Strategies/Planning	Strength-based strategies and planning guidelines offered for teachers, caregivers and families in the DECA-P2 resources: www.centerforresilientchildren.org/home/dcrc-resources
Electronic version	The electronic version of the DECA-P2 is part of the e-DECA web-based platform. Visit www.e-deca2.org
Professional development	Many options for professional development on the DECA-P2 are available. Visit our website www.centerforresilientchildren.org/preschool/professional-development/ or contact Debi Mahler, Director of Training: dmahler@devereux.org
Meets Professional Standards	Alignment matrices with other curricula and assessment tools, visit: http://www.centerforresilientchildren.org/preschool/alignment-tools/

References:

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