The Devereux Resilient Leadership Survey (DERLS)

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This survey was created to support leaders as they reflect on how to promote the capacity for resilience in staff. Take time to reflect and complete each item on the survey below. There are no right answers. Once you have finished, reflect on your strengths and then start small and plan for one or two things that you feel are important to improve. Use the 2nd page to further reflect on examples for each item on the DERLS. For more information about the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, including downloadable free access to the Devereux Resilient Leadership Survey (DERLS), please visit www.CenterForResilientChildren.org.

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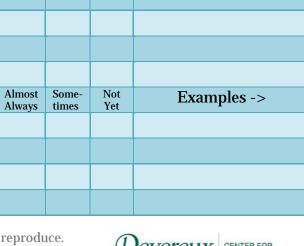
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Examples and Reflection

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The Devereux Resilient Leadership Action Plan

Once you have completed the Devereux Resilient Leadership Survey (DERLS), reflect on your strengths and identify some goals. Make a simple plan, with specific action steps, for one or two things that you feel are important to improve. For strategies use the Devereux Resilient Leadership packet or variety of other resources. Regularly check-in on your progress and revisit the DERLS.

Strengths Highlight some of your almost always responses here. Recognize and celebrate the ways that you are already being a resilient leader.	
Goals Review your DERLS responses and decide on the one or two goals you would like to set. Your goals can be items under the category of sometimes or not yet that you would like to strengthen.	
Strategies Decide on strategies that can help you meet your goals. Use select sample strategies in the Devereux Resilient Leadership draft packet or identify strategies from other sources.	