

Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Preschoolers

Second Edition (DECA-P2)



The DECA for Preschoolers is designed to build these three Within-Child Protective Factors:

ATTACHMENT/RELATIONSHIPS

The child's ability to promote and maintain mutual, positive connections with other children and significant adults.

- Show affection for familiar adults
- Seem happy or excited to see his/her parent or guardian
- Ask adults to play with or read to him/her
- Act in a way that makes adults smile or show interest in him/her
- Look forward to activities at home or school
- Trust familiar adults and believe what they say
- Appear happy when playing with others
- Show a preference for a certain adult
- Seek help from children/adults when necessary

INITIATIVE

The child's ability to use independent thought and action to meet his or her needs.

- Choose to do a task that was hard for him/her
- Try different ways to solve a problem
- Try or ask to try new things or activities
- Show confidence in his/her ability
- Show an interest in learning new things
- Keep trying when unsuccessful
- Make decisions for himself/herself
- Remember important information
- Start or organize play with others



Preschoolers:
3 Through 5 Years Old

SELF-REGULATION

The child's ability to express emotions and manage behaviors in healthy ways.

- Handle frustration well
- Control his/her anger
- Show patience
- Accept another choice when the first choice is not available
- Cooperate with others
- Share with other children
- Listen to or respect others
- Calm himself/herself down
- Play well with others

