The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Clinical Form (DECA-C) is a clinical assessment. DECA-C results may be used to (1) assess the nature and severity of a preschooler’s social, emotional or behavioral problems, (2) support a decision to refer a child to the behavioral health or early intervention systems, or (3) develop intervention plans. Therefore, DECA-C Users must have the necessary qualifications to interpret and appropriately use clinical assessment instruments.

**DECA-C Users Need To:**

- **Have a professional license***
  - But If I Don’t...

- **Have a degree* from a four-year college or university and graduate level training in assessment**
  - But If I Don’t...

- **Have a degree* from a four-year college or university, and have a credentialed supervisor who will order the DECA-C and then be responsible for its proper usage.**
  - But If I Don’t...

- **Have a degree* from a four-year college or university, attend a DECA-C training given by a certified trainer, and pass a competency based evaluation at the end of the training.**

The license or degree must be in a relevant area such as psychology, social work, early childhood education, or special education.