

How the DECA Program Supports Key Elements of IECMHC

Infant/early childhood mental health consultation...

The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program...

is focused on early care and education settings

was designed specifically to support the adults working in early childhood settings

is indirect and capacity-building

was designed to empower teachers and parents/caregivers and to provide them with the tools needed to promote children's social and emotional health

is collaborative and relationship-based

has six guiding principles, two of which are collaboration between early childhood and mental health providers, and strong partnerships with families

is delivered by professional consultants with mental health expertise

offers I/ECMH consultants a wealth of strength-based and research-informed resources

is attentive to prevention, promotion and intervention

emphasizes the importance of promotion, prevention and intervention, and offers resources for children at each of these levels

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The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program...

is based on knowledge of effective early childhood practices

assessments meet or exceed the professional standards set forth for assessments, and all of the DECA Program strategies are research-based

is family-centered

has a guiding principle that includes a commitment to create resources that support strong family partnerships

is culturally and linguistically competent

assessments have been thoroughly evaluated for their cultural and linguistic competence, and are available in English and Spanish

is strengths-based

has a guiding principle that includes a commitment to creating resources that are strengths-based

is reflective

resources provide a wealth of tools that support reflection

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