



DECA Review Procedure

Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA)



Head Start Performance Standards
<u>1302.45</u>

Purpose

To attend to responsive program practices by improving mental health climates for children’s social and emotional development.

The intention of a Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) review is to identify key strategies to support the social and emotional health development of infants and young children.

Process

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- The **DECA Reflection Tool** is used for each review
- DECA reviews occur virtually via zoom
- Each review is an hour long
- They are scheduled after each Pre, Mid, and Post DECA assessments

The following team members are involved in DECA reviews:

Early Head Start	Head Start/ECEAP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Teacher/Home Visitor • Assistant Teacher (<i>as applicable</i>) • Coach • Mental Health Program Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Teacher • Assistant Teacher • Coach • Mental Health Program Manager

Prior to the DECA Review staff members should review the data and come prepared to discuss and collaborate.

Staff will follow the Developmental and Social Emotional Screening Procedure as well as the timeline for sharing DECA results with families.

The DECA team contributes to the intended outcomes and success of the review with the following engagement:

- Check-in/Agenda setting: Prioritizing
- Collaborative Exploration: Data, Perspective taking, Wondering together
- Capacity Building: Strategies, Understanding Behaviors and Environments
 - DECA Outcomes Reflection Tool (Fillable) completed during the review:
 - What is the plan to support based on the data?
 - Are strategies included in lesson plans or in home visit planning?
 - Are the plans and strategies within lesson plans and home visit planning supporting social and emotional skill development?
 - This form is a continual reflection tool to be updated and re-reviewed throughout the year, asking:
 - Are there any shifts or goals to the **DECA Outcomes Reflection Tool** that need to be adjusted?