



Webinar Series: *DECA Infant & Toddler Program*

Who Is This For?

Early Childhood Educators, Directors, Supervisors, Education/Mental Health/Disabilities Coordinators, Mental Health Professionals, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants, Technical Assistance Providers, Early Intervention Specialists and Therapists, and others interested in promoting the social and emotional health of young children

About the Webinar Series

The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program for Infants and Toddlers (DECA-I/T) is a strength-based assessment and planning system designed to promote resilience in our youngest children, 4 weeks up to 3 years old. The DECA for Infants and Toddlers Program is implemented using a five-step approach, which includes: (1) collecting information on individual children, the home and the group care environment, (2) administering the DECA-I/T, a strength-based assessment of social and emotional development, (3) summarizing assessment results, (4) developing and implementing plans for children who have concerns and for building quality environments, both in the home and group care settings, and (5) evaluating progress. Through this webinar series, participants will learn how to use the DECA Program to promote young children's social and emotional development and to enhance the overall quality of early childhood programs. Strategies for effectively involving families and for building the resilience of adults caring for young children are also addressed in training. Total time length of webinar series: 4.5 hours.

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<p>Introduction to Resilience, the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Infants and Toddlers (DECA-I/T) and Reflective Checklists</p> <p>Time Length: 90 Minutes</p> <p>Participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore risk, protective factors and resilience • Learn about the within-child protective factors measured by the DECA for Infants and Toddlers and how to strengthen them by using strategies offered in the DECA for Infants and Toddlers Program • Learn about Step 1 – Collecting information on individual children and groups, using the Reflective Checklists 	<p>A closer Look at the DECA-I/T Assessment and Adult Resilience</p> <p>Time Length: 90 Minutes</p> <p>Participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Step 2 – Administering the DECA-I/T and understanding assessment results • Learn about Step 3 – Gathering data generated to prepare for the planning process • Explore the e-DECA platform, including report generation, strategies and advanced features • Examine concepts of adult resilience, including an introduction to the Devereux Adult Resilience Survey (DARS) and strategies to promote resilience of the adults who care for children 	<p>Using Assessment Results for Planning and Evaluating Progress Both at the Program and at Home</p> <p>Time Length: 90 Minutes</p> <p>Participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Step 4 – Planning universally for ALL children, and creating targeted plans for children with needs • Learn about Step 5 – Using data to evaluate progress • Working together with families to support children's social and emotional health