



# DECA Assessment and Referral Process— Health Care Provider Edition

All Well Child Visits: Perform Developmental Surveillance

## DECA Assessment Administration Recommendations:

- Assess children 1 month to 36 months with the DECA— Infant/Toddler Assessment .
- Assess children 3 years up to 6 years old with DECA– P2 Assessment.
- Re– Assess children every 4 months (or adjust based on 3 times per school year).

## DECA Assessment (I/T & P2) & Next Steps:

Screening and referral process should be done in partnership with the family, & be based on individual child’s needs.  
If family has concerns, please refer to appropriate services, regardless of screening test result.

Level 1: Strength Range	Level 2: Typical Range	Level 3: Concern/Area of Need Range
<p><b><i>Protective Factor Scale T-Scores are <u>greater than or equal to 60</u></i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (For Now and Forever guide provided in DECA kits)</li> <li>2. Perform development screening (ex ASQ-3)</li> <li>1. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year .</li> </ol>	<p><b><i>Protective Factor T-Scores between <u>41-59 inclusive and/or t-scores 59 or below on Behavioral Concerns (DECA-P2 only)</u></i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor—rescreen</li> <li>2. Consider facilitated referral* to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visiting program and/or;</li> <li>• Early intervention services and/or;</li> <li>• Social &amp; Emotional Resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Follow up with referral source if made</li> <li>4. Provide family with activities for building competencies (For Now and Forever Guide provided in DECA kits)</li> <li>5. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)</li> <li>6. Re-Asses every 4 months/ 3 times per year.</li> </ol>	<p><b><i>Protective Factor Scale T-score less than or equal to 40, or Behavioral Concerns Scale T-score greater than or equal to 60.</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitated Referral* for further evaluation and/or services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visiting program and/or</li> <li>• Inclusions services and/or;</li> <li>• Mental health provider (LCSW, LPC, LMFT, Psy.D., etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social development (For Now and Forever guide provided in DECA Kit)</li> <li>3. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)</li> <li>4. Re-Assess every 4 months/3 times per year.</li> </ol>

### \*Facilitated Referral

1. **Have staff assist parent with making a referral**
2. **Send Information related to screening results to referral**
3. **Follow up with referral source to ensure referral received, appointment occurred and obtain results.**

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