

The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Infants (DECA-I) is Designed to Build These Two Within-child Protective Factors

INITIATIVE: The infant or toddlers ability to use independent thought and action to meet her or his needs.

- Try to do new things
- Imitate actions of others
- Keep trying when unsuccessful
- Show interest in what others were doing
- Adjust her/his energy level to the type of play
- Act happy when praised
- Explore surroundings
- Express her/his dislikes
- Reach for a familiar adult
- Respond to her/his name
- React to another child's cry
- Keep trying to obtain a toy
- Act in a way that make others show interest
- Easily goes from one activity to another
- Seek attention when a familiar adult was with another child
- Enjoy being around other children
- Look to familiar adult when exploring her/his surroundings

Attachment/Relationships: The mutual, strong, long-lasting relationship between an infant or toddler and significant adults such as parents, family members and teachers.

- Act happy with familiar adults
- Show pleasure when interacting with adults
- Accept comfort from a familiar adult
- Smile at familiar adults
- Act happy
- Respond positively to adult attention
- Smile back at a familiar adult
- Calm down with help from a familiar adult
- Make eye contact with others
- Act in a good mood
- Seek comfort from familiar adults
- Show affection for a familiar adult
- Enjoy being cuddled
- Enjoy interacting with others
- Respond when spoken to



INFANTS
(1 month up to 18 Months)