



Recommended Practices

2014 DEC Recommended Practices

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What is DEC?



DEC is an international membership organization for those who work with or on behalf of young children (0-8) with disabilities and other special needs and their families

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Updating the Recommended Practices



- Since 2011, a Commission of 13-15 individuals appointed by DEC has worked with the support of the ECTA Center to guide the revisions.
- The goal of the Recommended Practices is to inform and improve the quality of services provided to young children with or at risk of disabilities or delays and their families.

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Process for Identifying DEC Recommended Practices



**Research-
Based
Practices**

**Experience &
Professional
Wisdom**

**Field
Validation**


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8 Topic Areas

- Assessment
- Environment
- Instruction
- Interaction
- Leadership
- Family
- Teaming
- Transition



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The DEC Recommended Practices provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth through age 5, who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities.
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DEC Recommended Practice Parameters



- Represent breadth of topic
- Observable
- Represent “high-leverage” practices
- Not disability specific or limited to those with disabilities
- Delivered in all settings (natural/inclusive environments)
- Build on and are not duplicative of other standards (such as NAEYC DAP)

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DEC RP Glossary

DEC RPs with Embedded Examples

DEC RPs with Interactive Glossary

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