



Recommended Practices

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Have you heard about the DEC Recommended Practices?

In 2014, the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) published a revised set of recommended practices that support inclusion. They 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.

What are the practices?

There are 66 DEC Recommended Practices that are organized into eight topic areas:

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

Who uses them?

The DEC Recommended Practices are used by individuals working across a variety of early childhood settings providing services to young children who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

How were they developed?

The DEC Recommended Practices are based on the best-available empirical evidence as well as the wisdom and experience of the field.

Where can I find them?

The practices and supplemental resources are available in free, online documents available at: <http://www.dec-sped.org/recommendedpractices>

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