



Horizons In Learning

Strengthening Socio-Emotional Skills Using the DECA (Devereux Early Childhood Assessment) Program

Presenter: Constant Hine

Purpose: This training will introduce your staff to the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) strength-based assessment and planning system to promote children's resilience, strengthen socio-emotional skills and increase the overall quality of the early childhood setting. An overview of the five step system DECA Program which is centered around the nationally standardized, strength-based assessment of children's within-child protective factors will be presented.

Topics Covered:

- ✓ Resilience and it's importance to children
- ✓ Overview of Step 1: Collecting Information on children and classroom quality
- ✓ Overview of Step 2: Administering the assessment instrument (DECA)
- ✓ Overview of Step 3: Summarizing the Interpreting the assessment results
- ✓ Overview of Step 4: Using assessment results to plan changes in the classroom and home settings
- ✓ Overview of Step 5: Evaluating progress of the DECA Program on children, families and caregivers.

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AV Needs:

- LCD Projector and Screen
- Extension Cord
- Flip Chart & Markers