

DEC Recommended Practices and the Program Assessment Workbook: Tools for Program Quality and Improvement

WECA and WDEC along with CESA 1 Preschool Discretionary Project, CESA 5 Child Outcomes Preschool Discretionary Grant, and Waisman Early Childhood Professional Development Program are pleased to bring this training opportunity to Wisconsin. Program assessment and evaluation is an important component of ongoing improvement. Along with the ITERS, ECERS etc. family of tools, CLASS, and SEFEL tools, DEC Recommended Practices Workbook and Program Assessment are tools used in Wisconsin for this purpose.

During the Pre-Conference you will get an overview of DEC Recommended Practices; an introduction to DEC Recommended Practices Workbook and the Recommended Practices Program Assessment; a description of the purposes and strengths of each of the resources; an opportunity to practice use of the workbook; an opportunity to plan how you will use the tools back in your own setting and connection to resources and supports in Wisconsin to assist and support the use.

WECA Pre-Conference
Thursday, November 11, 2010
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Marriott West, Madison

Registration Information

These materials focus on quality practices for children and families with disabilities but discussion and activities will include how these quality practices apply to all children and families.

Target Audience: Training and Technical Assistance Providers, Program Support Teachers, Head Start Disabilities Coordinators, Early Childhood Special Educators (both B-3 and 3-5), Related Service Providers, Child Care Directors, Head Start Teachers, Preschool Teachers, 4K Teachers, Higher Education Professionals

Presenters



Mary McLean, Ph.D., Kellner Professor of Early Childhood Education, Department of Exceptional Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee



Barbara Wolfe, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Education, Department of Special Education, University of St. Thomas

Session A - Friday, November 12; 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Making Assessment Work: Recommended Practices for Assessment from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC)

Mary McLean, Professor, UW-Milwaukee

This session is a follow up of the Pre-conference session on DEC Recommended Practice. It will focus on the Assessment Practices. Participants will get a more in depth look at quality practices in assessment and how to use the DEC Recommended Practices Workbook to assess, evaluate and plan changes that will ensure high quality services for young children in the area of assessment.

Registry core knowledge area: OBS

Youngstar Category: Learning Environment and Curriculum

Session C - Friday, November 12; 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

A Look at the Division for Early Childhood Recommended Practices: Child-Focused Interventions

Barbara Wolfe, PhD, Associate Professor, University of St Thomas

This session will assist participants to delve into one area of the DEC Recommended Practices, this child-focused interventions. Practices highlighted in this section include embedded instruction, systematic instruction, and using the classroom environment as a teaching tool. We will have fun bringing these practices to life with discussion, videos, examples, pictures and self-assessment.

Registry core knowledge area: DAP SPN

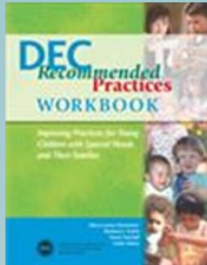
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Recommended Materials

Please bring your own copy or you can purchase copies at a reduced rate on the morning of the preconference.

DEC Recommended Practices: A Comprehensive Guide

Birth-5: This guide contains all the helpful information found in the original DEC Recommended Practices, plus real life examples and practical tips for implementation. This wonderful book includes strategies for program assessment and improvement, useful checklists for parents and administrators, and an annotated list of relevant resources. (Sandall, Hemmeter, Smith and McLean, 2005)



DEC Recommended Practices Workbook

Birth-5: This new workbook is a companion to DEC Recommended Practices: A Comprehensive Guide. The workbook is a ready-to-use tool to assess, evaluate and plan changes that will ensure high quality services for young children with disabilities and other special needs. If you want to implement Recommended Practices this is the tool you need! (Hemmeter, Smith, Sandall and Askew, 2005)

DEC Recommended Practices Program Assessment: Improving Practices for Young Children With Special Needs and Their Families

Birth-5: A companion to DEC Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education, this resource will help you assess and improve the quality of services you provide to young children with disabilities and to their families. The assessment is appropriate for Head Start, child-care centers, public schools, or other early childhood programs that implement developmentally appropriate classrooms and curricula. (Hemmeter, Joseph, Smith and Sandall, 2001)



These books will be available for purchase from WDEC at a reduced rate Thursday morning from 8:00 am - 9:00 am.

	Reduced Rate	Regular Rate
DEC Recommended Practices: A Comprehensive Guide	\$28.00	\$35.00
DEC Recommended Practices Workbook	\$12.00	\$15.00
DEC Recommended Practices Program Assessment: Improving Practices for Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families	\$16.00	\$20.00

Registration Information

Register early - space is limited
Early bird rates are in effect until September 15
To register, click [here](http://www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org/conference/index.php?category_id=3288&subcategory_id=6379)

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