What are the DEC Recommended Practices?

- The DEC Recommended Practices “the RPs” provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of children birth through five years, who have, or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities.
- They supplement developmentally appropriate practices for all young children with more specialized practices.

ECTA Center’s DEC RP tools and supports can help improve practices!

aRPy (R-P, get it?) is your guide to the tools and supports from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center for learning about the RPs, and using them to:

“Make sure all the little ones develop and learn the best they can!”

Our Performance Checklists are great for anyone learning to “do” the practices. Record your results and repeat the checklist over time for goal recognition or for self-evaluation.

Practice Guides for Practitioners and Families explain and provide success indicators for the RPs. Each includes a Video Illustration and example story. They are available in both print and mobile PDF formats for people on the go!

Quickly test knowledge that directly relates to the Checklists and Practice Guides with an aRPy Pop Quiz, or go in-depth with Online Learning Modules for professional development!

ECTA Center selected aRPy Ambassadors to spread the word about the RPs. If you have questions about the RPs or our resources, the aRPy Ambassador for Illinois is:

Chelsea Guillen
cguillen@illinois.edu
217-244-2621
ECTA Center’s Products to Promote the Use of the DEC Recommended Practices

The suite of products currently planned includes Performance Checklists, Practice Guides for Practitioners and Parents, online modules for PD and Family Capacity-Building Modules, plus guidelines for using the products.

30 Performance Checklists covering the 8 Topics in DEC Recommended Practices for practitioners to use to implement the DEC recommended practices

http://ectacenter.org/decrp/type-checklists.asp

Practice Guides for Families are intended for practitioners to share with families. They are formatted for print as well as for viewing on mobile devices.

http://ectacenter.org/decrp/type-pgfamily.asp
Practice Guides for Practitioners are intended primarily for practitioners working in group settings and for sharing with other practitioners in community programs. They are formatted for print as well as for viewing on mobile devices.

http://ectacenter.org/decrp/type-pgpractitioner.asp

Practice Challenges are a collection of statements of practice challenges that trainers can use with practitioners to identify which checklists and practice guides would be relevant to specific issues.

Not online at this time.

aRPy's Pop Quizzes to promote interest in the products. Can be used as introductions to the products, in training sessions. Discussion prompts under development.

Online interactives at:

http://demosite.fpg.unc.edu/ectac-int1/
http://demosite.fpg.unc.edu/ectac-int2/

State Stories describe how states have planned to use the Checklists and Practice Guides and RP² resources for state improvement efforts.