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## **Early On** Center Instructional Resource Alert

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### **[Position Statement on the Role of Special Instruction in Early Intervention](http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?ID=112)**

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The Division of Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children provides a position statement on ***The Role of Special Instruction in Early Intervention***. This position statement brings to light the role of special instruction and addresses the following areas:

- Description of special instruction in the context of early intervention
- Professional preparation and qualifications of special instructors
- The role of the special instructor in the EI process
- Uniqueness of the role of special instruction in early intervention service

## [2014 DEC Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education](#)

(<http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?ID=113>)

The new set of **DEC Recommended Practices (2014)** is comprised of 66 practices organized in eight topic areas. They were developed to provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth - five years of age, who have or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities.

## [DEC Recommended Practices 2014 - Video](#)

(<http://earlyoncenter.org/resource.php?ID=114>)

This 2:43 minute video offers a **quick overview** of the new DEC Recommended Practices.

## [Michigan DEC \(MiDEC\)](#)

(<http://www.michigandec.org/>)

Are you excited about making a difference in the lives of young children with disabilities in Michigan? Michigan DEC is looking for you!

To join DEC, you must first be a member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). When you join CEC, be sure to add our division, DEC, to your membership.

Benefits of membership include:

- Excellent research and journals on evidence-based practices that work young children with delays and disabilities.
- Updates on public policy initiatives that impact young children with disabilities and their families.
- Opportunities for advocacy on behalf of young children with disabilities and their families.
- Professional development opportunities.

- A network of professionals, parents, and community members who are passionate about enhancing the growth and development of young children with delays and disabilities.