



Read Me First! Trainer's Materials: Using the DRDP *access* for Preschool Special Education

The trainer's materials provide step-by-step instructions and resources for leading a one-day training session on *Using the DRDP access for Preschool Special Education* in California. The materials can be downloaded at: <http://www.draccess.org/prodevelopment/trainersmaterials/>

Qualifications for Trainers

These materials were developed for use by qualified trainers. Based on our experience, it is often useful to have a team of two trainers present the day-long workshop. Trainers might include program specialists, special education directors, and lead early childhood special education teachers (particularly those with responsibilities for the DRDP *access* Assessment System). We recommend the following qualifications for trainers.

Should possess one of the following:

- Special Education credential (with early childhood experience)
- Early Childhood Special Education credential or Master's degree
- Early Childhood Education Master's degree
- Special Education Master's degree with early childhood emphasis

Should have experience:

- Working in early childhood special education settings for at least 3 years
- Administering developmental assessments to young children
- Using the DRDP *access*
- Working with young children who are English Learners
- Attending a Desired Results *access* Project training session on using the instrument
- Leading successful professional development workshops and providing technical assistance to colleagues

Should have effective skills in:

- Organizing professional development programs
- Presenting information and facilitating group activities
- Communicating effectively, in both written and verbal forms
- Using computers and audio-visual equipment

Should have knowledge and competence in:

- Developmentally appropriate practice with young children with disabilities
- Collaborating with families and general early care and education programs
- Early childhood curricula
- Authentic assessment practices

The Materials

Download the following materials to your hard drive.

Please note: some of these files, especially the video clips, are large and depending on the speed of your internet connection, might take a while to download.

Trainer's Guide: Using the DRDP *access* for Preschool Special Education

The *Trainer's Guide* provides step-by-step instructions for leading the one-day professional development session on using the DRDP *access* for preschool special education. This *Trainer's Guide* is part of a comprehensive set of trainer's materials that include PowerPoint slides, handouts, and video clips. The *Trainer's Guide* is formatted as a PDF file. To view and print it you will need the free Adobe Reader software that can be downloaded at: <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/>

PowerPoint Slides

To use the PowerPoint files you will need Microsoft's PowerPoint software. We have posted two versions of the slides: one file for users of PowerPoint 1997-2004 and one file for users of PowerPoint 2007 or later.

Handouts

- Rating Practice Exercise Worksheets:** The participants will need this document to participate in the activities in which they practice rating the DRDP *access* Measures. To view and print it you will need the free Adobe Reader software that can be downloaded at: <http://www.adobe.com/downloads/>
- Evaluation Form:** We have posted two versions of the Evaluation Form. If you don't want to make any changes or customize the form, use the PDF version. If you want to modify the form, use the Word version. To use the Word version you will need Microsoft Word 1997-2003.

Video Clips (in the order you will show them)

- Isaac at Play
- Joseph Reading about Monsters
- Cameron Talking with Others
- Kaleb on the Playground
- Michelle Making a Face
- So Many Ways to Learn

The video clips are provided as QuickTime files (.mov) that work on both PCs and Macs. Copy them to your computer's hard drive. To play the videos, we recommend you use the most recent version of the free QuickTime player, available at www.apple.com or the free VLC Media Player, available at <http://www.videolan.org/> Both VLC and QuickTime work on both Macs and PCs. If you choose to use QuickTime, the inexpensive QuickTime Pro upgrade from www.apple.com adds many useful features and capabilities.

Other Materials

- User's Guide to the DRDP *access* for Preschool Special Education
- DRDP *access* (Manual and Rating Record/Information Page)

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