



MNDEC Action Research Mini-Grant

The Minnesota Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (MN DEC) uses its fundraiser revenue to annually fund two grants (up to \$500) for practitioners to engage in Action Research. Applicants may be individuals or teams of practitioners working in a program that serves young children with disabilities and their families. **Each application must include at least one applicant who is a current member of DEC.** On completing the process, recipients share the results in a short article (describing the process and results) for the MNDEC newsletter.

Typical components of Action Research:

- 1. Identifying the problem to be solved**
- 2. Diagnosing the causes of the problem**
- 3. Formulating an action hypothesis**
- 4. Designing and implementing an action plan**
- 5. Simple procedures for analysis of the resulting data or evidence**

Please complete all sections of this application and return by June 10, 2018 to Judy Swett at: jswett@pacer.org

Applicant Name(s)

DEC Member Number(s):

- 1. What is the problem or issue (25 words or less):**
- 2. What are the possible causes of the problem or roots of the issue?**
- 3. Describe your hypothesis. What are the actions to be taken that may solve the problem?**
- 4. Describe your action plan. What are the steps to be taken? Who will be responsible? By when will the steps be taken?**
- 5. What data/evidence will you collect that will help you know whether your hypothesis was accurate? How will the data be analyzed?**
- 6. Budget. Clearly describe how the grant funds will be used to answer your identified questions including cost of supplies/equipment, added compensation for time of researchers outside existing contractual hours, cost associated with visiting another program to conduct an observation, etc.**

Signature of DEC Member:

Signature of Immediate Supervisor: