

# The Decision Tree

## Child Indicator Seeds for Success



### National Seed Swap Day January 31, 2015



Seed swap is an event that gathers gardeners with different skill levels to exchange seeds, ideas, experiences and resources. Seed swapping can also be done online or through mail when participants are scattered geographically. Gardeners usually share seeds from their most successful yield or extra seeds they don't intend to use.

One of the benefits of a seed swap is that you get to discover new varieties of seeds. The event is also a great way to learn which varieties grow best locally and the skills needed to produce better yields. By planting seeds from previous bountiful harvests, future yields can prove to be a success. Swapping seeds is of great cultural significance for many of the people involved, because it allows a culture which has become widely distributed, such as Hispanic and Latin Americans in the United States, to continue to grow the food they are accustomed to, foods which often have great significance, and for which seeds are often transported over great distances.

Seed swapping is not exclusive to expert seed savers or skilled gardeners. Beginning gardeners are also welcome. Learn which varieties grow best in your area, meet expert gardeners and get many seed saving advice by participating. Google National Seed Swap Day for an event in your community!

### Have you ever attended a seed swap?

With the integration of Child Indicators into the IFSP process over the last 18 months, we have all gathered seeds that have proven to produce the most bountiful harvest when gathering information related to a child's function and participation in the family's routines and activities. Take some time this month to swap ideas, experiences and resources. Remember you don't have to be a master gardener to share and receive seed advice.

### Celebrate National Seed Swap Day by Sharing Child Indicator Seeds of Success with Colleagues

- Cultivate your team's harvest by sharing practices that yield the best results for children and families.  
[DEC Recommended Practices 2014](#)
- Surprise a colleague with a pack of seeds and a helpful resource in their mailbox. Need an idea? Check out this Virginia resource! [Virginia's Key Principle Visual](#)
- Fertilize your team's inter-rater reliability by reviewing a recent ASP narrative for supporting evidence and consistency of ratings at an upcoming staff meeting.  
[Guidelines For Coming to Consensus and Increasing Inter-Rater Reliability pg. 17](#)
- Swap seeds that increase your teams' understanding of a family's culture and include a helpful value or belief about child rearing from that culture.  
[Promoting Healthy Parenting Across Cultural Groups: A CDC Research Brief](#)
- Spend some time playing in the dirt with a crop of typical peers to weed out developmental drift!  
[Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive! Developmental Milestones Quiz](#)