

# New York State Association for Infant Mental Health

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## **NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH ENDORSEMENT FOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, RELATIONSHIP- FOCUSED PRACTICE PROMOTING INFANT MENTAL HEALTH (IMH-E®)**

### **What is the New York State Association for Infant Mental Health?**

NYS–AIMH is the statewide organization for multidisciplinary professionals who work to support the relational and emotional development of families from pregnancy through early childhood. We are focused on professional development and education, public awareness and advocacy, and endorsement of professionals in the areas of infant and early childhood mental health, learning and development.

### **What is the NYS–AIMH Endorsement®?**

Endorsement is a process that supports and recognizes the development of professionals who work with or on behalf of infants, toddlers, and their families. This process uses a nationally recognized set of competencies that helps define best practice and guides professional growth.

### **Who can apply?**

All professionals who have experience working with or on behalf of infants, toddlers, parents/caregivers and meet the educational, work, training, and reflective supervision/consultation requirements as specified at each level.

### **Why apply for the NYS–AIMH Endorsement (IMH-E®)?**

- To grow and develop as a professional in the rapidly expanding infant and family field
- To be recognized by employers and peers for having attained a level of competency in culturally sensitive, relationship-focused practice that promotes infant mental health
- To better support the infants, toddlers, families, students, agencies, and institutions in the promotion of infant mental health.

### **When can I apply?**

The application process will begin September, 2016. Detailed information will be posted closer to the endorsement launch date. You are encouraged to complete the self-assessment form located on the website