

About the NYS-AIMH

New York State Association for Infant Mental Health

Mission

The New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen and promote social and emotional well-being for all children between the ages of 0 and 5 in NYS.

The NYS-AIMH promotes uniform and nationally recognized standards to ensure those engaged in the multidisciplinary fields supporting young children are trained in up to date science of child development and relationship based practices. It provides professional development, implements a statewide competency system, and advocates for policy and resources for young children.

Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health

NYS-AIMH is a member of The Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health™ a collaborative global organization that includes 27 state associations and an international association which have licensed the use of the Competency Guidelines® and Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health®. The Alliance has and will continue to influence policy and standards regarding Infant Mental Health.



NYS-AIMH is an affiliate of the World Association for Infant Mental Health, an international and interdisciplinary organization that promotes education, research, and study of the effects of mental, emotional and social development during infancy on later development.

Join us

NYS-AIMH is a membership organization open to all individuals in New York State who work with or on behalf of infants, young children and their families. All are invited to acquire the Endorsement and participate in committees and organization activities.

Please contact us at reachus@nysaimh.org or on our website www.nysaimh.org.

Membership Fees

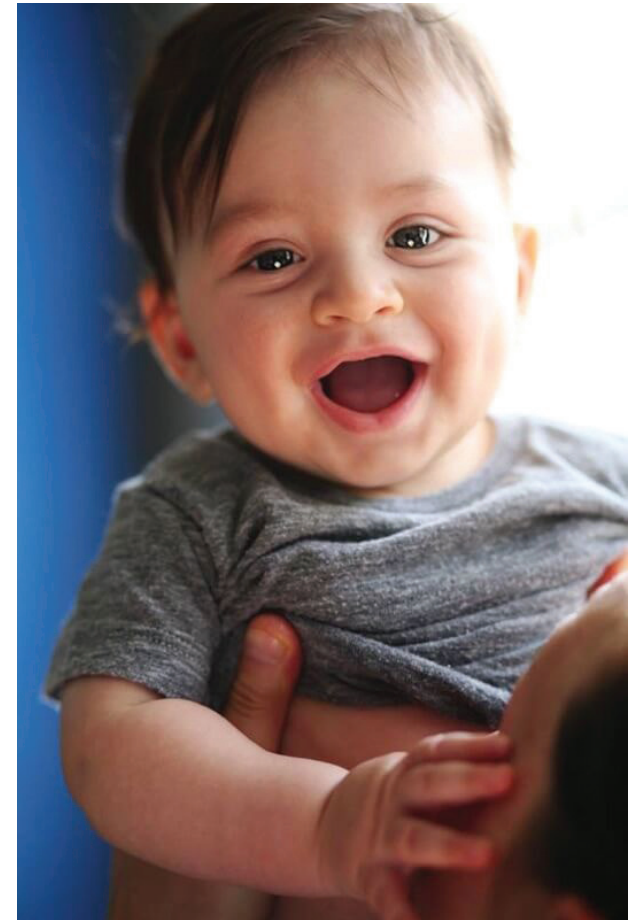
Individual Membership

Regular	\$50
Two-Year Regular	\$90
Full-time Student	\$30

Organizational Membership

Regular	\$200
Two-Year	\$350

Please see our website for the benefits of individual and organizational memberships.



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Your professional home to help you
support and enhance
the relational development of
0-5 year olds and their families

What is Endorsement?

Endorsement is a credentialing system that supports and recognizes the knowledge and ability of professionals who work with or on behalf of infants and young children up to age five and their families. This process uses a nationally recognized set of standards and competencies that define best practice and guide professional development across disciplines.

Who can apply?

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

Benefits of the Endorsement

The Endorsement promotes uniform and consistent delivery of services, improving outcomes for children; it sets a standard of care for all practitioners working with 0-5 year olds and their parents; it improves professional job performance resulting in better, more targeted services to families and children; and it improves professional opportunities, professional status and advancement potential.

Steps to Endorsement

1. Become a member of NYS-AIMH
2. Once endorsement opens in the first quarter of 2017, register for the endorsement
3. You will be connected with an advisor to help guide you through the process
4. Fill out your portfolio and submit it by the deadline
5. Take your endorsement exam (for Infant Mental Health Specialist and Clinical, Policy and Research Mentors)

NYS-AIMH will endorse professionals from many disciplines at the following four categories:

- Infant Family Associate
- Infant Family Specialist
- Infant Mental Health Specialist
- Infant Mental Health Mentor (Clinical, Policy, Research/Faculty)

Each recognizes skills and knowledge, training and position responsibilities that conform with best practice standards.

Category	Education	Training	Experience	Reflective Practice
Infant Family Associate	CDA, or Associates degree in a related area or 2 years of infant/childhood paid work experience (including college, AA and CDA work)	30+ hours of defined training or portfolio	CDA, or Associates degree in a related area or 2 years of infant/childhood paid work experience (including college, AA and CDA work)	
Infant Family Specialist	Bachelors or Masters degree in defined fields	30+ hours of defined training	2 years post-BA paid IMH work	24+ hours over 1-2 years of reflective practice
Infant Mental Health Specialist	Masters or Doctorate in defined fields (some possible credit for intensive in-service training)	30+ hours of defined training	2 years post-grad paid IMH direct services to infants/caregivers OR 1 year supervised graduate internship	50 hours over 1-2 years of reflective practice
Infant Mental Health Mentor -Clinical			Level III + 3 years post-grad providing IMH reflective practice supervision/consultation and defined leadership activities	50 hours over 1-2 years of reflective practice
Infant Mental Health Mentor -Policy	Masters or Doctorate in defined fields (some possible credit for intensive in-service training)	30+ hours of defined training	3 years of post-grad experience in Policy/Administration related to IMH field and defined leadership activities	OPTIONAL: 50 hours over 1-2 years
Infant Mental Health Mentor -Research/Faculty			3 years of post-grad experience in as a leader in university-teaching and/or published research and other defined leadership activities	OPTIONAL: 50 hours over 1-2 years