

# I/ECFA FAMILY ASSOCIATE



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## ABOUT ENDORSEMENT®

Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement® is based upon internationally-recognized competencies designed to support and enhance culturally sensitive, relationship focused practice. Endorsement is relevant for professionals across disciplines, connects you with a statewide professional network, and promotes strong relationships!



## WHO:

- Early Care & Education
- Program Administrators
- Case Management
- Pediatric Healthcare
- Doulas & Midwives
- Child Welfare
- Early Intervention
- Home Visiting




## YOUR WORK:

- Promote healthy relationships between infants/young children and their caregivers.
- Establish trusting relationships with the families you serve.
- Demonstrate respect for the uniqueness of each family's culture and identity.
- Share an understanding of relationship development with families, caregivers, and other professionals.
- Recognize needs and make appropriate referrals.
- Use a strengths-based perspective to reinforce positive parent-child or provider-child interactions.



## REQUIREMENTS:

| EDUCATION  | WORK EXPERIENCE                        | TRAINING   | REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION/CONSULTATION [RSC] |
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| Any Academic Degree <i>OR</i> >>   | Min. 2 yr Work or Volunteer Experience | At least 30 hours in IMH Principles  | N/A                                       |
| <b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS:</b>   |  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Membership in NYS-AIMH</li> <li>• Code of Ethics – Acknowledged &amp; Signed</li> <li>• Endorsement Agreement – Signed</li> <li>• 3 Reference Ratings</li> </ul> |  |  <b>For More Information, Contact Us:</b><br>endorsement@nysaimh.org<br>www.nysaimh.org |   |