

# I/ECFS FAMILY SPECIALIST



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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 Intervention
- Early Head Start
- Home Visiting
- Infant/Toddler Specialists
- Infant/Toddler Mental Health Consultants




## YOUR WORK:

- Prevent barriers to the development of positive mental health in young children by focusing on the primary adult relationships surrounding that child.
- Help parents, caregivers, and other early childhood professionals "see" the infant/young child as a person.
- Recognize risks and disorders of infancy/early childhood to make appropriate referrals.
- Share an understanding of relationship development with families, caregivers, and other professionals.
- Help parents, caregivers, and other professionals recognize practices that scaffold the healthy social-emotional development of infants and toddlers.
- Assist families in anticipating, obtaining, and advocating for their needs.



## REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION	WORK EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION/CONSULTATION [RSC]
No Degree Required	Min. 2 yr Prevention and/or Early Intervention Direct Service; at least 10 families	At least 30 hrs in IMH Principles	Min. 24 hrs while providing direct service to children & families
<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> <a href="mailto:endorsement@nysaimh.org">endorsement@nysaimh.org</a> <a href="http://www.nysaimh.org">www.nysaimh.org</a>	