

# Is the NYS-AIMH Endorsement® Right for Me?

## New York State Association for Infant Mental Health

### 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 category.

### 4 Career Paths Toward NYS-AIMH Endorsement®

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

#### **Infant and Early Childhood Family Associate:**

focuses on Promotion, includes: Early Care and Learning, Administration, Health Care, Case Management.

#### **Infant and Early Childhood Family Specialist:**

focuses on Prevention, includes: Early Intervention, Early Head Start, Home Visiting, Mental Health Consultation.

#### **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist:**

focuses on Treatment, includes: Infant/Parent Psychotherapy, Interaction Guidance, Infant Mental Health Clinicians, Creative Arts Therapies.

#### **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Mentor (Clinical, Policy, Research/Faculty):**

focuses on Leadership, includes: Researchers, Faculty, Reflective Supervision, Policy/Advocate, Administration.

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



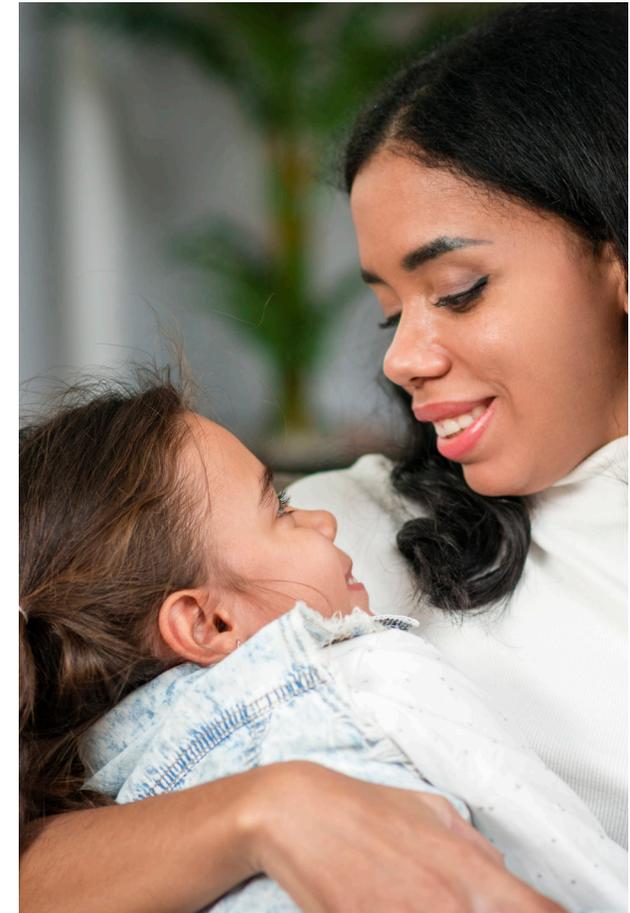
Alliance for the Advancement of  
Infant Mental Health

NYS-AIMH is a member of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health™ a collaborative global organization that includes more than 30 state and international associations 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.



WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR  
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.



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Strengthening the Knowledge,  
Competencies and Skills of the  
Infant and Early Childhood Workforce

### What Is Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health?

“Infant and early childhood mental health, sometimes referred to as social and emotional health, is the developing capacity of the child, from birth through 5 years of age to form close and secure adult and peer relationships; experience, manage and express a full range of emotions; and explore the environment and learn – all in the context of family, community, and culture.” – Zero to Three

### About NYS-AIMH

Founded in 2015 the New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) is a non profit 501(c)(3) professional membership organization for specialists across disciplines whose work is relationship-based and supports the developmental and emotional well-being of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.

### Mission

NYS-AIMH’s mission is to strengthen and promote social and emotional well-being for all children birth through five years of age in New York State. NYS-AIMH promotes uniform 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 practice. It provides professional development, implements a statewide competency system, and advocates for policies and resources to support young children and their families.

### 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. Members are invited to acquire the Endorsement® and participate in committees and organization activities.

**Please contact us at [reachus@nysaimh.org](mailto:reachus@nysaimh.org) or at [www.nysaimh.org](http://www.nysaimh.org) to learn about our programs.**

### Membership Fees

#### Individual Membership

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

#### Organizational Membership

Agency	starts at \$225
Sponsor	starts at \$250

Information on additional membership categories for families, provider organizations, and academic institutions is available on our website.

### Member Benefits

- Discounts on NYSAIMH training sessions and other events
- Members are informed of training sessions before they are open to general public
- Membership is a requirement for people seeking and maintaining the Endorsement®
- Organizational members are invited to share agency logos, which are featured on the NYS-AIMH website and to advertise training events through NYS-AIMH publications

### 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 birth through 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.



### Benefits of the Endorsement®

The Endorsement® by setting a standard of care for all practitioners working with children birth through age five and their families promotes uniform and consistent delivery of services, individualizes professional development, and improves job performance resulting in better, more targeted services leading to improved outcomes for children. In doing so, it improves professional opportunities, status, and advancement potential.