



## Colorado Association of Infant Mental Health (COAIMH)

### *Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health (IMH-E ®)*

#### Requirements for Infant Family Specialist (Prevention)

EDUCATION	WORK EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION/ CONSULTATION	PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE RATINGS
<p><b>Minimum</b> of Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Bachelor of Nursing (BSN); and including Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MS), Master of Social Work (MSW), Master of Education (MEd), Master of Nursing (MSN); Master of Applied Studies (MAS), PhD, EdD, PsyD.</p> <p>Official transcript(s) required.</p>	<p><b>Minimum two years paid, post Bachelor’s, professional work experience</b> providing services that promote infant mental health. Work experience meets this criterion as long as the applicant has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Served a <b>minimum of 10</b> families of infants/toddlers (birth to 36 months) and,</li> <li>2. A <b>primary focus</b> of the services provided is the social-emotional needs of infant/toddler and,</li> <li>3. <b>Services include</b> attention to the relationships surrounding the infant/toddler.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Minimum 30 clock hours</b> of relationship-based education and training pertaining to the promotion of social-emotional development and/or the practice of infant mental health. Applicants will include as many hours as necessary to document that competencies (as specified in <a href="#">Competency Guidelines®</a>) have been met.</p>	<p><b>Minimum 24 clock hours</b> within one to two year timeframe, post-bachelors, relationship-based, reflective supervision/consultation (RS/C), individually or in a group while providing services to infants, toddlers and families.*</p>	<p><b>Three ratings</b> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One from current program supervisor, teacher, trainer or consultant.</li> <li>2. One from person providing reflective supervision/consultation.</li> <li>3. Third rating may be from another supervisor, teacher, trainer, consultant, colleague, or parent/recipient of service (paid or volunteer).</li> </ol> <p>At least one of the ratings must come from an individual who meets COAIMH Endorsement® requirements as IFS, IMHS, or IMHM <b>OR</b> is familiar with the <i>Competency Guidelines®</i>.</p>

\*Beginning 1/1/2018, new Endorsement applicants are required to receive all RC/S hours from an Endorsed provider in order to meet the requirements for Endorsement.

Contact COAIMH’s Endorsement Coordinator for details: [Co.endorsement.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Co.endorsement.coordinator@gmail.com).

**ALL** Endorsement applicants have to sign a *Code of Ethics & Endorsement Agreement*, provide *Documentation of Competencies*, and have a current Professional Membership with COAIMH to complete their application.

**Endorsement Renewal:** All Endorseees have to complete a minimum of 15 clock hours/year of relationship-based education and training, pertaining to the promotion of social-emotional development and/or the practice of infant mental health (e.g. regional training, related course work at colleges or universities, infant mental health conference attendance) and maintain a current COAIMH membership. Documentation of training hours are submitted with membership renewal.