



**Colorado Association of Infant Mental Health (COAIMH)**

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

**Requirements for Infant Family Associate (Promotion)**

EDUCATION	WORK EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION/ CONSULTATION	PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE RATINGS
<p><b>Any academic degree</b>, including Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate <b>OR</b> Official transcript from Child Development Associate (CDA) <b>OR</b> Official transcript from Associate’s degree (AD) in related area <b>OR</b> Two years infant and early childhood-related paid work experience (include official transcripts from any college courses completed).</p>	<p><b>Any academic degree</b>, including Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate <b>OR</b> Official transcript from Child Development Associate (CDA) <b>OR</b> Official transcript from Associate’s degree (AD) in related area <b>OR</b> Two years infant and early childhood-related paid work experience (include official transcripts from any college courses completed).</p>	<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>Recommended, but not required for Endorsement.</p>	<p><b>Three ratings</b> from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least one of the ratings must be from a current teacher, CDA mentor, instructor, or supervisor.</li> <li>2. 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>.</li> <li>3. One of the ratings can come from a colleague, or a parent/recipient of services (paid or volunteer), teacher, CDA mentor, Board member, etc.</li> </ol>

**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.