

CT-AIMH

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The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded a three-year grant of \$141,796 to the Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health, Inc. for training, endorsement and reflective supervision opportunities for child care providers, home daycare providers and home visitors that serve children ages 0-5, and their families, in East Hartford. The grant is through Early Childhood Investments at the Hartford Foundation.

“We are so grateful for the opportunity to continue building the competency and capacity of the infant and early childhood workforce in Connecticut. It is vital that the workforce that interacts with CT’s youngest children and their families understands and promotes positive, responsive early relationships between children and their caregivers. The goal is for children to be socially and emotionally healthy, and positive early relationships with caring adults allow children to feel safe exploring their environment and feel supported in managing their emotions. Because learning happens in the context of quality early relationships, these early relationships also promote brain development,” said CT-AIMH Executive Director Heidi Maderia.

The CT-AIMH is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers expertise in infant and early childhood mental health. We promote and hold a set of Competency Guidelines<sup>®</sup> that, when they are met, lead to an Endorsement in Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health<sup>®</sup>. One of our mission-related priorities is to increase the competency and capacity of the workforce serving infants and young children and their families/caregivers. CT-AIMH is one of 27 states that holds IMH Competencies, offers IMH Endorsement, and is a member of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health. For more information about CT-AIMH, please visit our website, [www.ct-aimh.org](http://www.ct-aimh.org) or call 860-617-1965.

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