



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION  
FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

**Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health, Inc.**  
**Concerned with the Healthy Social Emotional Development  
of Infants and Young Children**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**The Value of Holding An Endorsement in Infant Mental Health**

**Q. What is the value of a Competency-Based System of endorsement?**

A. Endorsement is valuable in three ways:

- Endorsement provides a set of competencies for professional development in the infant and family field.
- Endorsement assures that persons providing culturally sensitive, relationship-focused services promoting infant mental health meet standards that are approved by a highly recognized professional organization for the discipline of infant mental health.
- Endorsement recognizes the importance of continuing education and training for professionals in the infant and family field. Those who earn the endorsement demonstrate their commitment to this principle as they provide services that promote infant mental health with a high level of quality and integrity.

**Q. Why should I apply for endorsement?**

A. Consider the following:

- To enhance your professional profile as a specialist in the infant and family field
- To affirm the specialized knowledge and skills you have acquired through formal education experience and in-service training
- To validate the work that you have done under the guidance and supervision of experienced mentors in the infant and family field
- To link your professional growth and development to competency standards that reflect best practice
- To be identified as a competent professional in a system that reflects commitment to best practice and quality care for all infants, toddlers and families

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