

## INFANT FAMILY ASSOCIATE Endorsement Requirements

### Requirements

Education and/or Work Experience	<p>Official transcript from Child Development Associate (CDA)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Official transcript from Associate's degree (AD) in related area</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Two years of infant and early childhood-related paid work experience (include official transcripts from any college courses completed toward CDA or AD).</p>
Training	<p>Minimum 30 clock hours 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 <i>Competency Guidelines</i>) have been met.</p>
Professional Reference Ratings	<p>Total of three ratings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One must come from a current teacher, CDA mentor, instructor, or supervisor, and</li> <li>2. One must come from an individual who meets CT-AIMH Endorsement<sup>®</sup> requirements at Level II, III, or IV, and</li> <li>3. One can come from a colleague, or a parent/recipient of services.</li> </ol>
Code of Ethics & Endorsement Agreement	Signed.
Documentation of Competencies	<p>Professional portfolio will document that competencies have been adequately met through course work, in-service training, or paid work experiences. Written examination not required for applicants seeking Endorsement at Level I.</p>
Professional Membership	Membership in CT-AIMH or another infant mental health association.

### Continuing Endorsement Requirements

Education & Training	<p>Minimum of 15 clock hours per year of relationship-based education and training, pertaining to the promotion of social-emotional development and/or the practice of infant mental health (eg, regional training, related course work at colleges or universities, infant mental health conference attendance). Documentation of training hours submitted with membership renewal.</p>
Professional Membership	Annual renewal of membership in MI-AIMH or another infant mental health association.

### Continuing Endorsement Recommendations

Reflective Supervision	CT-AIMH recommends that all Endorsed professionals seek reflective supervision or consultation.
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