

## What Does NV-AIECMH Endorsement Mean for My Professional Development

The NV-AIECMH Endorsement signifies a significant step in your professional development within the field of infant and early childhood mental health. This endorsement acknowledges your specialized knowledge, skills, and expertise in supporting the social, emotional, and psychological wellbeing of infants, young children, and their families. Becoming an endorsed professional also provides assurance to the community that you are providing high standards of care.

NV-AIECMH Endorsement can transform the way you view, wonder, consider, understand, and respond to the infants, young children, and families you serve.

## Infant and Early Childhood Endorsement allows professional growth through:

- Greater knowledge about infant and early childhood mental health
- Strengthened confidence in providing services
- Enhanced ability to identify needed family supports
- Lessened bias when providing services
- Increased credibility among peers and other agencies
- Additional hiring opportunities with higher salaries

NV-AIECMH Endorsement not only validates your expertise but also opens doors for career advancement. It demonstrates your commitment to high standards of practice and indicates that you have met specific criteria. These areas may include education, supervised experience, and specialized training in areas such as child development, attachment, trauma, and mental health interventions for infants and young children. Endorsement is recognized as a mark of excellence within the field, potentially leading to increased opportunities for leadership roles, specialized positions, and contributions to the advancement of infant and early childhood mental health practices and policies in Nevada or beyond.

The NV-AIECMH Endorsement process establishes a standard of excellence that professionals can use to document their knowledge and experience with reflect practice. Employers can determine hiring practices and make hiring decisions based on Endorsement status.

## Through the Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (NV-AIECMH), Endorsement can distinguish you in the field of infant and early childhood mental health:

- Enhances your professional credibility and your confidence in working with infants, young children, and their families; plus, you'll gain recognition and belong to a network of like-minded professionals in Nevada and across the US and the world.
- Ensures professionals serving our most vulnerable are equipped with culturally responsive and reflective skills to promote early relational health, making life better for babies and their families.
- Verifies that professionals have attained a specified level of functioning and understanding of the promotion of IECMH and relationship-based approaches.
- Informs professional development and career planning within an organized framework and creates a competent, high-quality workforce that is better equipped to create positive outcomes.



Giving children roots to grow and wings to fly.