

## What is NV-AIECMH Endorsement?

Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (NV-AIECMH) offers IECMH Endorsement® for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health. This is an internationally recognized credential that supports and recognizes the experience, knowledge, and proficiency of professionals who work with or on behalf of infants, toddlers, young children, and their families.

Endorsement is the largest and most recognized IECMH credentialing system in the United States, and the world, and it is available to you across Nevada!

Individuals apply for NV-AIECMH Endorsement within the specialty that best matches their knowledge, skills, and experiences through a variety of pathways:

- Infant/Early Childhood Family Associate: Promotion
- Infant/Early Childhood Family Specialist: Prevention/Early Intervention
- Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist: Clinical Intervention/Treatment
- Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Mentor: Leadership/Systems Change

The use of NV-AIECMH Endorsement reflects Nevada's commitment to best practices in the infant and family field, which encompasses a wide range of professionals. NV-AIECMH Endorsement provides credibility for Nevada professionals engaged in the critical work of supporting young children's social-emotional health & well-being and formally recognizes infant and early childhood mental health expertise across the state of Nevada.

The Endorsement credential is intended for everyone who applies infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) principles in their work across the full continuum of promotion, prevention/early intervention, clinical intervention/treatment, and leadership/systems change scopes of practice. Anyone passionate about supporting the mental health and well-being of infants, young children, and their families can find value in pursuing Endorsement.

## Why Pursue Endorsement® through NV-AIECMH?

It is good for you: Enhances your professional credibility and your confidence in working with infants, young children, and their families; plus, you gain recognition and will belong to a network of professionals in across Nevada.

It is good for babies and families: Supports infants, toddlers, families, and professionals in a culturally responsive, reflective, and relationship-focused way.

It is good for communities: Provides assurance to families, agencies, employers, and the public at large that the endorsed professional meets high standards of care.

It is good for employers: Verifies that professionals have attained a specified level of functioning and understanding about the promotion of IECMH and relationship-based approaches.

It is good for the field: Informs professional development and career planning within an organized framework and creates a competent, high-quality workforce leading to desired child/family outcomes.



Giving children roots to grow and wings to fly.