

The Steps to the TAIMH Endorsement

1. Inquiry
2. Application
3. Preparation of Portfolio
4. Documentation of Competencies
5. Test at Level 3 and 4
6. Endorsement



Portfolio

Documentation of education, coursework, and/or diploma, degree(s) earned, in-service training experiences, work experiences, supervision/consultation experiences, and professional reference ratings as appropriate to the endorsement level.

How to Begin the Application Process

Write, Call, or Email the TAIMH Endorsement Office.

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Endorsement for
Culturally Sensitive,
Relationship-Focused
Practice Promoting
Infant Mental Health

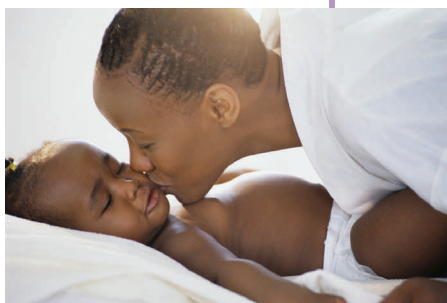


TAIMH's mission is to support the healthy emotional development of infants and their families.

	Level 1 Infant Family Associate	Level 2 Infant Family Specialist	Level 3 Infant Mental Health Specialist	Level 4 Infant Mental Health Mentor Clinical, Policy, or Research/ Faculty
Educational experience	CDA or Associate Degree or 2 years early childhood experience	Masters or Bachelors Degree	Master's or post-graduate degree	Master's, post-graduate, doctorate, post-doctorate, MD, OD, JD
Work Experience	Two years in the infant, early childhood, and family field	Two years in the infant, early childhood, and family field	Two years post Masters in the infant, early childhood and family field	Three years post Master's in the infant, early childhood, and family field
In-Service Training	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours
Membership in TAIMH or another IMH Association	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Code of Ethics	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed
Agreement	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed
Reflective Supervision/ Consultation	N/A	Minimum 24 clock hours within a 2 year time period	Minimum 50 clock hours within a 2 year time period	Clinical: Minimum 50 clock hours within a 2 year time period
Reference Ratings	Three (See Level Requirements for detailed information)	Three (See Level Requirements for detailed information)	Three (See Level Requirements for detailed information)	Three (See Level Requirements for detailed information)
Written Exam	No	No	Yes	Yes
Application Fee	\$15	\$15	\$25	\$25
Endorsement Fee	\$25	\$50	\$200	\$300

What is it?

A process that supports the development and recognition of infant and family service providers/professionals within an organized system of culturally sensitive, relationship-focused learning and work experiences that promote infant mental health.



Who can apply?

All practitioners who have experience working with or on behalf of infants, toddlers, parents, and/or other caregivers and meet the educational, training, reflective supervision/consultation requirements as specified at each level.



Why Apply?

- To grow and develop as a service provider/professional in the rapidly expanding infant and family service field.
- To be recognized by employers and peers for having attained a level of competency in culturally sensitive, relationship-focused practice that promotes infant mental health.
- To better support the infants, toddlers, families, students, agencies, and institutions that are served by the infant and family field.