



# SOUTH CAROLINA Infant Mental Health Association

INFANT/EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH ENDORSEMENT®

## Mental Health Specialist

Scope of work:  
**Treatment**



Serves children  
ages 0-6



**WHO**  
Parent-Infant Psychotherapist, Parent-Child Psychotherapist, Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, Private Practice Therapist, etc.

**DO YOU...**

- Accurately interpret information from informal and formal observations and assessments to identify capacities and strengths as well as developmental delays and/or emotional disturbances in infants and young children served?
- Develop service plans that take into account the unique needs, desires, history, lifestyle, concerns, strengths, resources, cultural community, and priorities of each infant/young child and family?



**DO YOU...**

- Effectively implement relationship-focused, therapeutic parent-infant/young child interventions that enhance the capacities of parents and infants/young children?
- And more?

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES...**

You provide culturally sensitive, relationship-focused, infant and/or early childhood mental health treatment services intended to explicitly address issues related to attachment, separation, trauma and unresolved grief and loss as they affect the attachment relationship, development, behavior and care of the young child.



**RECOGNIZE YOUR EXPERTISE**

Endorsement® connects your professional experiences with a set of competencies that recognize your infant and/or early childhood mental health treatment expertise.



**BENEFITS OF ENDORSEMENT®**

- Enhance the quality of your relationship-based services
- Participate in ongoing and targeted professional development opportunities
- Join an international network of infant and early childhood professionals



**INTERESTED?**  
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