OK-AIMH

Oklahoma Association for Infant Mental Health

ENDORSEMENT (IMH-E®) REQUIREMENTS INFANT FAMILY SPECIALIST

Requirements: Preparation of a Portfolio

Education:

Minimum of Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Bachelor of Nursing (BSN); and including Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MS), Master of Social Work (MSW), Master of Education (MEd), Master of Nursing (MSN); official transcript.

Training:

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 *Competency Guidelines*) have been met.

Work Experience:

Minimum two years paid, post Bachelor's, professional work experience providing services that promote infant mental health. Work experience meets this criterion as long as the applicant has:

- Served a minimum of 10 families of infants/toddlers (birth to 36 months) and,
- A primary focus of the services provided is the social-emotional needs of infant/toddler and,
- Services include attention to the relationships surrounding the infant/toddler

Reflective Supervision/Consultation:

Minimum 24 clock hours within one to two year time frame, post-bachelors, relationship base, reflective supervision or consultation, individually or in a group while providing services to infants, toddlers, and families. Provider of reflective supervision/consultation must have earned endorsement at Level III or IV Clinical. For Bachelor's -prepared Level II applicants, reflective supervision /consultation that meets criteria for Endorsement may come from a Master's-prepared professional who has earned Level II.

Professional reference ratings:

Total of three professional reference ratings from:

- One from current program supervisor, teacher, trainer or consultant.
- One from person providing reflective supervision/consultation.
- Third rating may be from another supervisor, teacher, trainer, consultant, or from a colleague.

Please note: At least one rating must come from someone endorsed at Level II, III, or IV.

Code of Ethics & Endorsement Agreement:: Signed

Documentation of Competencies:

Professional portfolio will document that competencies have been adequately met through course work, in-service training, and reflective supervision/consultation experiences. Written examination not required for applicants seeking Endorsement at Level II.

Professional Membership:

Membership in OK-AIMH or another infant mental health association

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Continuing Endorsement Requirements:

Education and Training: Minin

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 (*e.g.* regional training, related course work at colleges or universities, infant mental health conference attendance). Documentation of training hours submitted with membership renewal.

Professional Membership:

Annual renewal of membership in OK-AIMH or another infant mental health association

Continuing Endorsement Recommendations:

Reflective Supervision

OK-AIMH recommends that all Endorsed professionals seek reflective supervision or consultation.