



Alliance for the Advancement of
Infant Mental Health

Infant & Early Childhood Endorsement[®] Examination Preparation Resource List

This guide is intended to be used by all examinees, including Infant Mental Health Specialists, Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists, Infant Mental Health Mentors (Clinical, Policy & Research/Faculty), and Early Childhood Mental Health Mentors. You will notice that many of the resources on this guide are books. Most of the books will cover multiple knowledge/skill areas found within the *Theoretical Foundations, Direct Service Skills* and *Reflection* domains, and some of the books will have overlapping content. Resultantly, we do not intend for you to read every resource listed here. As the exam is based on the *Competency Guidelines[®]*, that will be an incredibly important resource in your exam preparation. We encourage you to incorporate the feedback you receive from the application reviewers with your own self-reflection regarding the experiences you have that indicate areas of strength and gaps, specific to the knowledge/skill areas found within the *Competency Guidelines[®]*. You will want to focus first on your “gap” areas (i.e. you have less experience regarding the knowledge and skill area of pregnancy/early parenthood so you will want to read the resources below that are specific to that area). Additionally, we encourage you to speak with your provider of reflective supervision/consultation around your professional experiences, areas of strength and growth, in addition to discussing your capacity for reflection. **This resource list should be used in conjunction with the document *What to Know About the Endorsement[®] Exam*.**

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Direct Service

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Additional Study Materials

[The Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health – Infant and Early Childhood \(MACMH-IEC\) Division](#) has created a Basic Infant Mental Health Endorsement® Exam Pack. The exam packet is accessible either online (via computer, phone or tablet) or in an easily accessible app you can download on your phone or tablet.

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