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NORTH CAROLINA  
INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

# INFANT FAMILY SPECIALIST (IFS)

## Who?

- Home Visiting
- Healthy Steps
- Early Intervention
- Early Care and Education
- Technical Assistance/Coaching
- Mental Health Consultation
- And More!

## Do You...

- Help parents, caregivers, and other early childhood professionals "see" the infant/young child as a person?
- Recognize risks and disorders of infancy/early childhood to make appropriate referrals?
- Share an understanding and appreciation of early relationship development with families, caregivers and other professionals?
- Help parents, caregivers and other professionals recognize practices that scaffold the healthy social-emotional development of infants and toddlers?
- Assist families in anticipating, obtaining, and advocating for concrete needs or services from available community resources?

## If you answered YES....

You prevent barriers to the development of positive mental health in young children by giving attention to the primary adult relationships surrounding that child! Infant Mental Health Endorsement® connects your experience with a set of competencies that recognizes your expertise, can link you to a statewide network of professionals, and enhances your work!



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