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Welcome

Welcome to the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Training Bulletin. This bulletin contains Ohio Approved Trainings conducted through the ECMH Training Institute for Ohio's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Professionals. Additional information about Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative can be found on the Ohio Department of Children and Youth website.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Overview

Early relationships and experiences at home and in other environments set the stage for how a child learns to manage his or her emotions. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth provides cross-system leadership through its Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) initiative that supports evidence-based training to equip parents and professionals across multiple services with the skills to help children develop into mentally healthy individuals. Parents, teachers, and other professionals who effectively nurture, support, and connect with young children, especially those experiencing social or emotional difficulty, can ameliorate future disabling problems.

The IECMH initiative is aimed at promoting healthy social and emotional development (i.e., good mental health) of young children (birth to six years). It focuses on ensuring children thrive by addressing behavioral health care needs, which increases their readiness for school and later academic success. This is accomplished by building protective factors in young children's lives and increasing competencies and skills of parents and professionals working with children and families. Much of the development and implementation of the Ohio IECMH program has been built upon the research and resources available from the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development.

The Historic 2019 EC Systems Conference

Ohio's 2019 Early Childhood Cross Systems Conference was truly historic. Each of Ohio's Early Childhood state agencies collaborated for the first time to offer a fully integrated systems approach early childhood conference. Each day an agency took the lead and sponsored mental health, disability, and health specific sessions. There were cross-systems sessions designed to promote increased collaboration and improved outcomes among all early childhood professionals. In addition to the keynotes, participants were inspired by remarks from the new state agency leadership and participated in an interactive early childhood Wellness Fair. Sponsoring state agencies included The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. It is our sincere hope to engage in promote additional cross-service collaborative professional development conferences in the near future.

<https://mha.ohio.gov/Schools-and-Communities/Educators/Early-Childhood-Mental-health/Conferences>

[Whole Child Matters: Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative and Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership](#)

The **Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership (OPEPP)** is a free program that works to reduce the rate of expulsions in preschool-age children by providing support, training and other resources to preschool teachers or child care providers who are struggling to manage disruptive behaviors. Nationwide Children’s manages the partnership’s hotline. Any licensed preschool or family childcare provider can call, request support from an early childhood mental health consultant and get an on-site visit anywhere in Ohio within 48 to 72 hours. **Call the Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership at 1-844-678-ABCs (2227) for assistance.**

[Ohio’s Early Childhood Mental Health Training Institute](#)

Ohio’s ECMH Training Institute is designed to share best practices with the field and provide professional development opportunities to early childhood mental health (ECMH) professionals seeking the Ohio ECMH Credential. The purpose and goal of the training institute is to prepare ECMH professionals to deliver quality service to early learning centers and families; and to ensure providers have competency in the six domains of ECMH: Social and Emotional Growth and Development, Family and Community Relations, Assessment, Interventions, Professional Development, Cultural and Linguistic Competency. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth serves as the sponsoring body for the Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Credentials. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth is a partner agency in Governor DeWine’s Children’s Initiative. The Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) manages the IECMH provider’s profile, processes applications for all Ohio’s early childhood credentials through the Ohio Professional Registry and hosts Ohio Approved (OA) Training data.

[Meet the Master Trainers](#)

Please note, the name of each master trainer is color coded to match the region of the map on page 6 that they cover.



[Lynn Belhorn, B.S., Nationwide Children’s Hospital](#) Lynn is employed by Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus as a regional Master Trainer, serving 17 counties in the Central Ohio area through the Whole Child Matters Grant. She has 35+ years of experience in a variety of public and private settings, providing early childhood education and community prevention services in early childhood mental health. Lynn’s work has included direct services with toddlers through school-aged children, supervision, coordination, and program administration. Lynn.belhorn@nationwidechildrens.org



Katy Carpenter, MSW, LISW-S, Nationwide Children's Hospital Katy is currently a regional master trainer and an Early Childhood Mental Health consultant for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. Katy received her Bachelor of Social Work from Indiana University and her Master of Science in Social Work from University of Louisville. Katy began working in the field in 2016 in a therapeutic day treatment program for children ages 3-5 with severe trauma and behavioral needs. Katy then provided outpatient therapy for children and families for 2 years before becoming an Early Childhood Mental Health consultant in 2019. Katy is regional master trainer under the Whole Child Matters Grant and continues to provide consultation and prevention services in the Columbus area. Katy currently holds her ECMH credential and is an independently licensed social worker. Katlin.Carpenter@nationwidechildrens.org



James (Jim) Flynn, MSSA, LISW-S, Positive Education Program James Flynn has been working in the field of mental health for 32 years and in the past 21 years his practice has been almost exclusively in the field of Early Childhood Mental Health. He has held the positions of mental health therapist, medical social worker, clinical supervisor, classroom consultant and parent resource consultant. He is currently a master trainer for the State of Ohio under the Whole Child Matters Grant and the Director of Early Childhood Plus for the Positive Education Program in Cleveland. James has a master's degree in social service administration from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. James is a Licensed Independent Social Worker with a supervisory designation, and he has both the ECMH Credential and the IMH Credential. He recently completed his phase two level certification in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics. jflynn@pepcleve.org



Rachael Theis, B.S., Children's Resource Center Rachael is a credentialed Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant and Master Trainer with Children's Resource Center in Bowling Green, OH. She moved into the mental health field as a consultant in 2008 and has since been assisting teachers in the Northwest Region of the state by providing professional training in Early Childhood Social and Emotional Development. Rachael has provided consistent leadership within multiple statewide initiatives and is a premier content developer, creating multiple new trainings each year. Rachael is one of the original master trainers who began her work under the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant. Rachaelt@crcwoodcounty.org



Ava T. Lucky, MSW, LSW, ECMH-C, OIMHP--III Ava has nearly 30 years' experience supporting children, families and caregivers in early care and education. Throughout her employment, Ava has worked as a teacher, supervisor, licensed center administrator and has provided professional development training to licensed center-based and family childcare professionals. For the past 8 years, Ava has supported children and caregivers to foster targeted social & emotional developmental needs in homes, early learning environments and throughout communities in Northeast Ohio. "It is my privilege to serve child serving professionals across Ohio as Master Trainer." Ava holds social work degrees from Ursuline College, Cleveland State University, and a Graduate Certificate in

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Colleen Wallace, M.S., Nationwide Children's Hospital Colleen is employed by Nationwide Children's hospital, Columbus as a regional Master Trainer and IECMH Consultant, serving 17 counties in the Central Ohio area through the Whole Child Matters Grant. She has 20+ years of experience, providing early childhood education and community prevention services in early childhood mental health. Colleen is particularly interested in the topics of relationship and connection but provides training on a variety of other topics. Colleen currently holds the Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner Level III (OIMHP-III) credential in the state of Ohio. Colleen.Wallace@nationwidechildrens.org



Ikeshia Smith, PsyD, LSW, ECMH-C, Hopewell Health Centers Ikeshia is an IECMH Consultant and Master Trainer for Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. in Southeastern, Ohio. Dr. Smith specializes in providing trauma-informed, evidence-based treatment and psychological assessment services for children and their families. In addition, Dr. Smith works as an independent contractor for a group practice located in Mentor, Ohio, conducts mental health presentations in churches that services minority communities, and participates in local and state initiatives to promote equity and inclusion among disenfranchised communities and mental health professionals of color. Dr. Smith has a background working in child protective services, home health, and crisis stabilization. Dr. Smith graduated from Kent State University with her Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies in 2009, Case Western Reserve University with her Master of Social Science in Administration in 2016 and earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Capella University in 2021. Dr. Smith completed an APA-accredited internship with Hopewell Health Centers and postdoctoral training through OhioGuidestone with her placement at Cleveland Public Schools. She enjoys watching horror movies, traveling, basketball and track & field, and spending time with her nephew. Ikeshia.Smith@hopewellhealth.org



Erin Finley, LISW-S, ECMH-C, OIMHP-III, Hopewell Health Centers Erin Finley is an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator and Master Trainer for Hopewell Well Centers, Inc. in Southeastern, Ohio. Erin has provided Southeastern Ohio with mental health services for the past 8 years; serving as a case manager, school-based therapist, Infant and Early Childhood Therapist/Consultant, clinical supervisor, and coordinator. Erin is certified to provide Parent Child Interaction Therapy and Child Parent Psychotherapy. In addition, she is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy, holds an Early Childhood Mental Health Credential, Infant Mental Health Level III Credential, and Trauma Informed Care Credential. Erin graduated with her bachelor's and master's degree from OhioUniversity in Athens. She currently resides in Noble County with her precious son. Erin.Finley@hopewellhealth.org



Monique Sangialosi, BA, Alta Care Group I started on my journey in early childhood about 11 years ago as a preschool teacher for Head Start in Mahoning County. Throughout my time, I assumed complex roles including that of an Education Supervisor and Disabilities Coordinator within the Head Start framework. My dedication to fostering early childhood development and supporting professionals engaged in this field has remained constant. Over recent years, my professional focus shifted towards the area of mental health within child development. My commitment to serving the holistic needs of children, families, and educators within our community has been a driving force in my career trajectory. In pursuit of furthering my expertise, I have recently embarked on a Master of Social Work Program, driven by my excitement to expand my professional career. Simultaneously, I have assumed the position of Early Childhood Mental Health Supervisor at Alta Care Group and am starting my journey as a Master Trainer. I am deeply committed to making a positive impact on the lives of children and families within our community. Moniques@altacaregroup.org



Quarterly Training Offerings

To register, please use the ST# provided and register through the Ohio Professional Registry at ocrra.org where descriptions of each training and details of the training can be found.

Name	Trainer Name	Date	Training Type	Start Time	Stop Time	ST# (OCCRRA)	Location	OA Hours	Additional Approval Boards
Creating a Trauma Informed Learning Environment	Erin Finley	25 Sep 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10145663	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW
Who we are is how we lead: empathy, values, and feedback	Rachael Theis	25 Sep 2024	One Day	12:30 PM	02:00 PM	10146376	Virtual	1.5	None
Transitions- The Basics	Colleen Wallace	27 Sep 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	10145732	Virtual	2	None
Toxic Stress to Safe Zone: Responding to How Trauma Impacts Behavior	Colleen Wallace	30 Sep 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10145731	Virtual	3	DODD, Counseling, SW
Building Resilient Classrooms #2 - Composure	Colleen Wallace	30 Sep 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	10145735	Virtual	2	None
Toxic Stress to Safe Zone: Responding to How Trauma Impacts Behavior	Ava Lucky	30 Sep 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10146187	Virtual	3	SW, Counseling, DODD
Part 4: Leadership is a Two-Way Street-Skills for Leaders and Colleagues:Part 1	Rachael Theis	2 Oct 2024	One Day	12:30 PM	02:00 PM	10146377	Virtual	1.5	None
What Can the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Do for You?	Katlin Carpenter	2 Oct 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	10148364	Virtual	1.5	Counseling, SW
Creating a Trauma Sensitive Early Childhood Classroom	Ikeshia Smith	3 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148388	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW
Prescriptions for Preventing Power Struggles	Colleen Wallace	4 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:30 AM	ST10148218	Virtual	2.5	None
Leadership is a Two-Way Street: Part 2	Rachael Theis	9 Oct 2024	One Day	12:30 PM	02:00 PM	10146380	Virtual	1.5	None
Understanding Behavior through the Context of Sensory Systems	Katlin Carpenter	9 Oct 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	03:00 PM	10148366	Virtual	2	None
Creating Teamwork and Motivation	Ava Lucky	10 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:30 PM	10148536	Virtual	2.5	None
Where the Boys Are Version 3.0	Ava Lucky	11 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148537	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW
Flip It	Ohio MT Team	15 Oct 2024	Two Day	06:00 PM	09:00 PM	10144108	Virtual	6	DODD, SW, Counseling
Flip It	Ohio MT Team	15 Oct 2024	Two Day	06:00 PM	09:00 PM	ST10144108	Virtual	6	Counseling, SW, DODD

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Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA)	Ohio MT Team	16 Oct 2024	Two Day	09:00 AM	04:00 PM	10144133	Virtual	12	DODD, SW, MFT, Counseling
Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA)	Ohio MT Team	16 Oct 2024	Two Day	09:00 AM	04:00 PM	ST10144133	Virtual	12	Counseling, SW, MFT, DODD
Where the Boys Are 3.0	Colleen Wallace	18 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	ST10148220	Virtual	3	SW, Counseling
Practical Approaches for Producing Trauma Informed Classrooms	Ava Lucky	18 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148538	Virtual	3	None
Building Resilient Classrooms #3	Colleen Wallace	21 Oct 2024	One Day	06:00 AM	08:30 PM	ST10148221	Virtual	2	None
Historical Racism	Ikeshia Smith	22 Oct 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	03:30 PM	10148389	Virtual	2	Counseling, SW, DODD
Toxic Stress to Safe Zone: Responding to Trauma's Impact on Behavior	Katlin Carpenter	23 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148369	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Professional Boundaries in Working with Families of Young Children	Ava Lucky	23 Oct 2024	One Day	06:00 AM	09:00 PM	10148539	Virtual	3	None
Prescriptions for Preventing Power Struggles	Monique Sangialosi	24 Oct 2024	One Day	12:00 PM	03:00 PM	10148437	Virtual	2.5	None
Building Attachment and Attunement Using Social Play in Infant and Toddler Classrooms	Colleen Wallace	25 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	ST10148222	Virtual	3	None
What Can the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Do for You?	Katlin Carpenter	25 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	01:30 AM	10148370	Virtual	1.5	Counseling, SW
Prescriptions for Preventing Power Struggles	Rachael Theis	25 Oct 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	03:30 PM	ST10148414	In-Person	2.5	None
Foundations in Infant Mental Health	Rachael Theis	25 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:30 AM	ST10148413	In-Person	2.5	None
Toxic Stress to Safe Zone Level 2: Becoming a Trauma Informed Early Learning Professional	Katlin Carpenter	28 Oct 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	10148372	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Creating a Trauma Sensitive Classroom	Erin Finley	30 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	AT133208	Virtual	3	SW, Counseling

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Attachment: The Basics - Beyond the Hugs and Kisses	Katlin Carpenter	31 Oct 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148373	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Prescriptions for Preventing Power Struggles	Colleen Wallace	1 Nov 2024	One Day	12:00 PM	02:30 PM	ST10148225	Virtual	3	SW, Counseling
Building Resilient Classrooms #5	Colleen Wallace	1 Nov 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	ST10148229	Virtual	2	None
Building Resilient Classrooms- Session 1 - Intro to the Brain	Colleen Wallace	1 Nov 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	ST10148224	Virtual	2	None
Supporting Secure Attachment in Early Learning Environments	Katlin Carpenter	4 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	10148374	Virtual	3	None
The New Culture of Poverty	Erin Finley	5 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 AM	AT132809	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Flip It	Ohio MT Team	6 Nov 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	04:00 PM	ST10144112	Virtual	6	Counseling, SW, DODD
Baby Talk: The Basics – The Power of Communication with Infants and Toddlers	Katlin Carpenter	6 Nov 2024	One Day	09:30 AM	12:00 PM	10148375	Virtual	2.5	None
Building Resilient Classrooms #2 - Composure	Colleen Wallace	8 Nov 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	ST10148227	Virtual	2	None
Challenging Behaviors Session #3	Colleen Wallace	9 Nov 2024	One Day	08:30 AM	11:30 AM	ST10148228	Virtual	2.5	DODD
Amazing Attachments	Erin Finley	12 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	AT133458	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Creating a Trauma Sensitive Early Childhood Classroom	Ikeshia Smith	12 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	10148391	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW
Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders	Erin Finley	13 Nov 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	AT132799	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Maternal Mental Health	Rachael Theis	13 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148611	Virtual	2	None
Understanding Behavior through the Context of Sensory Systems	Katlin Carpenter	14 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148510	Virtual	2	None

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Practicing Mindfulness	Rachael Theis	14 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	10148610	Virtual	2.5	None
Taking On Transitions The Very Basics	Colleen Wallace	15 Nov 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	ST10148230	Virtual	2	None
Bridging the Generation Gap	Colleen Wallace	15 Nov 2024	One Day	12:00 PM	03:00 PM	ST10148231	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
What Can the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Do for You?	Katlin Carpenter	15 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	10148511	Virtual	1.5	Counseling, SW
Building Resilient Classrooms #6	Colleen Wallace	18 Nov 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	09:00 PM	ST10148232	Virtual	3	None
Appalachian Culture	Erin Finley	19 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	AT132910	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Challenging Behavior Session One: Understanding and Preventing Challenging Behavior	Katlin Carpenter	20 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	10148570	Virtual	2.5	DODD
Challenging Behavior Session Two: Responding Appropriately to Challenging Behavior	Katlin Carpenter	21 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	10148571	Virtual	2.5	DODD
What Can the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Do for You?	Katlin Carpenter	25 Nov 2024	One Day	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	10148573	Virtual	1.5	Counseling, SW
CARE	Erin Finley	26 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	05:00 PM	ST10148275	Virtual	4	SW, Counseling
Historical Racism	Ikeshia Smith	26 Nov 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	03:30 PM	10148392	Virtual	2	Counseling, SW, DODD
Promoting Social Emotional Development	Erin Finley	3 Dec 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	AT132916	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW, DODD
Building Attachment and Attunement Using Social Play in Infant and Toddler Classrooms	Colleen Wallace	5 Dec 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	09:00 PM	ST10148226	Virtual	3	None

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Creating a Trauma Sensitive Early Childhood Classroom	Ikeshia Smith	5 Dec 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	10148393	Virtual	3	Counseling, SW
Flip It	Ohio MT Team	9 Dec 2024	Two Day	07:00 PM	10:00 PM	ST10144109	Virtual	6	Counseling, SW, DODD
Building Resilient Classrooms #7 - Positive Intent	Colleen Wallace	10 Dec 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	ST10148233	Virtual	2	None
Supporting Secure Attachment in Early Learning Environments	Monique Sangialosi	12 Dec 2024	One Day	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	10148439	Virtual	3	None
Challenging Behaviors #4	Colleen Wallace	14 Dec 2024	One Day	08:30 AM	11:30 AM	ST10148236	Virtual	2.5	DODD
CARE	Erin Finley	17 Dec 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	01:00 PM	ST10148275	Virtual	4	SW, Counseling
Building Resilient Classrooms #8 - Consequences	Colleen Wallace	17 Dec 2024	One Day	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	ST10148234	Virtual	2	None
Prescriptions for Preventing Power Struggles	Colleen Wallace	17 Dec 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:30 AM	ST10148235	Virtual	2.5	None
Historical Racism	Ikeshia Smith	19 Dec 2024	One Day	09:00 AM	11:30 AM	10148394	Virtual	2	Counseling, SW, DODD

Ohio Professional Registry

The Ohio Professional Registry is a centralized information system for early childhood and afterschool professionals. Ohio's web based professional registry allows professionals to document and track their career growth and accomplishments as well as to search and register for training opportunities offered statewide.

OCCRRA also coordinates the Early Childhood Mental Health and Ohio Infant Mental Health Credentials processes, as well as the "Ohio Approved" process for professional development opportunities. The goal is to ensure early learning and afterschool professionals receive high-quality professional development to maximize the learning and development of children in their care. Visit your Registry profile to apply to be an Ohio Approved Instructor, create a Training Organization, and submit professional development for Ohio Approval.

Get Started

To get started, create a profile, upload your supporting documents, and be recognized for your experience, education, credentials, and training in the Ohio Professional Registry. Follow the new user guide to learn how to document your employment, education, and training to fulfill Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health and Infant Mental Health credentialing requirements.

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Credential

The Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) Program objectives are to build protective factors in young children (from birth to six years of age who are at risk for abuse, neglect, and poor social/emotional health), increase skills of parents and promote the competencies of early childhood providers. IECMHC targets the healthy social and emotional development of all young children in Ohio to ensure they thrive and achieve success in school. Consultation requires practitioners to have formal preparations, certifications and licensure in children's mental health and experience working with young children and their families.

Since 2000, Ohio has recommended that IECMH practitioners be licensed mental health professionals. Everyone applying for an IECMH Credential will need to complete a personal profile in the *Ohio Child Care Resources and Referral Association's* (OCCRRA) Professional Development Registry. If already completed, you would not have to reenter for the credential. You will need your OPIN number and to have met the Core Competencies course requirements.

Please note, to obtain the IECMHC, the Ohio Model of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) trainings are required. An additional fifteen hours of training must be completed in the following areas: social emotional growth and development, family & community relations, assessment, interventions, and cultural and linguistic competency. Please visit <https://occrra.org/ohio-professional-registry/early-childhood-mental-health/> for complete guidance.

Ohio Infant Mental Health (OIMH) Credential - Established March 2020

The launch of the Ohio Infant Mental Health (OIMH) Credential expands our formalized specialization and certification of the IECMH professions in Ohio. The overarching purpose of this OIMH credential is endorsed by the Governor's Office to achieve the Goal of implementing a set of nationally recognized

skills and core competencies that will be developmentally appropriate and anchored in relationship-based practices that support the needs of infants and caregivers to reach their greatest wellness.

The Three (3) OIMH Credential Levels are Ohio Infant Family Affiliate Level I (OIFA-I) Ohio Infant Family Practitioner Level II (OIFP-II) Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner Level III (OIMHP - III). Every early childhood system partner including providers of childcare, early learning and education, home visiting, early intervention, maternal health, and infant and early childhood mental health plays a key role in the achievement of good infant/caregiver outcomes. Ohio recognizes the need for early childhood system professionals to have specialized skills and training while working with Ohio's pregnant women, infants, and toddlers. As such, the Ohio Infant Mental Health Credential is accessible to all Ohio early childhood professionals and is leveled to the right scope of practice for each service-delivery system partner. <https://mha.ohio.gov/Schools-and-Communities/Educators/Early-Childhood-Mental-Health/Infant-Mental-Health-Credential>

IECMHC Resources

Devereux Tools & Recourses for Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants

<https://centerforresilientchildren.org/iecmhc/>

Devereux Professional Development Opportunities

<https://centerforresilientchildren.org/dcrc-professional-development/>

Devereux Center for Resilient Children (DCRC) Resources

<https://centerforresilientchildren.org/free-resources/>

Georgetown University

Center of Excellence for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

<https://www.iecmhc.org/virtual-trainings-portal/>

Yale University

Yale School of Medicine Child Study Center Webinar Calendar

<https://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/search/?entityType=Event&calendar=childstudy>

Maintaining Your Record

Each time you complete training, acquire education and credentials, or change employment, please update your professional profile as soon as possible. Be sure to upload required documentation for verification after changes are made.

Contact the Ohio Professional Registry <https://ocrra.org/our-resources-page/>

• Phone: (614) 396-5959 • Toll-free: (877) 547-6978 • Email: credential@ocrra.org

Whole Child Matters Partner Agencies

Ohio Partnership to Prevent Preschool Expulsion Hotline: 1-844-678-2227 The Whole Child Matters initiative promotes a strong mental health foundation for children to reduce preschool and kindergarten expulsions. Services include on-site interventions and child/family-focused help to parents, teachers, and staff. For more information, please visit <https://mha.ohio.gov/static/Portals/0/assets/SchoolsAndCommunities/Educators/NACH-2730-Preschool-Expulsion+flier07ee.pdf>

For a full list of Ohio's Whole Child Matters' Partners, please visit <https://mha.ohio.gov/community-partners/early-childhood-children-and-youth/early-childhood-mental-health/whole-child-matters-map>

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TRIPLE P ONLINE
Help your child to manage challenges

FREE
In OHIO

Support your child's emotional wellbeing, and yours too
We all face challenges sometimes. But there are positive ways to handle them! Positive parenting skills and strategies make a big difference to your child's development and wellbeing. And that can have a far-reaching impact on their life, and yours.

Why Triple P works

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's best. Backed by more than 330 trials and studies, Triple P gives you proven parenting strategies that will help you develop your child's talents and life-skills—so they can be happy, confident, and successful. In the meantime, your home life will be happier, with rules followed, relationships stronger, and parents who are much less stressed.

Now, there's Triple P Online, so you can set your own parenting goals, learning step-by-step whenever you like. It'll help you:

- Build a stronger bond with your child
- Support your child's life skills
- Encourage positive behavior and cooperation
- Use consistent strategies to manage bedtime and screen time battles
- Respond to problem behavior effectively, without yelling
- Take care of yourself and enjoy being a parent

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