

VISION

Infant mental health supports and strengthens nurturing relationships between infants, young children and their families and caregivers to build healthy social emotional development.



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VAIMH strives to promote social emotional health and wellness in infants and young children (0-6) through building awareness, promoting professional capacity, fostering partnerships, and supporting policies which are in the best interest of infants, young children and their families.

A Historical Overview

October 6, 2010

VAIMH Founded

(17 members)

VAIMH Endorsement
2-Day Kick-Off Event and
Training with MI-AIMH
ChildSavers, Richmond

7/1/2010

License Agreement
signed with
MI-AIMH
(EI Funded)



New Logo

2010

VAIMH's 1st
President

Bonnie Grifa

March 3, 2011

VAIMH By-Laws Adopted &
Initial **VAIMH Board of
Directors** Elected

Officers

Bonnie Grifa - President
Judy Martens - Vice President
Sandy Wilberger - Secretary
Terry Erlichman - Treasurer

Directors At Large

Bethany Geldmaker | Cori Hill
Karen Lange | Sharon Veatch

2011

VCU/PPD

identified as
home for
Endorsement
Coordinator



DSS, DOE, &
DBHDS

provide funds for
Endorsement
Coordination

3/29/2011

IMH
Endorsement
Leadership
Cohort
Selected

February 2012

1st
Endorsement
Coordinator

Bonnie Grifa

VAIMH's 2nd
President

Judith Martens

1st Annual Conference
(Policy Summit)

Debbie Weatherston (Endorsement)
Rob Corso (Pyramid Model)
Doug Davies (Reflective Supervision)

2012

2013

IMH Leadership Endorsement Cohort

Applications Submitted
& Exams Taken

1st VAIMH IMH Endorsees

Judith Martens
Debbie Coleman
Amy Murrah
Laura O'Neal
Vivian Mann
Terry Erlichman
Jennifer Wolff
Laurie Feldman

2nd Annual
Conference

Project SEED
VA

Scholarship
Funding for
Endorsement

IMH Endorsement Cohort 1

(n=27)

Home Visiting Consortium
Reflective Supervision
Collaboration

Project SEED
VA
Scholarship
Funding for
Endorsement

3rd Annual
Conference

2014

2015

IMH Endorsement Cohort 2

(n=37)

Home Visiting Consortium
Reflective Supervision
Collaboration

4th Annual
Conference

Project SEED
VA
Scholarship
Funding for
Endorsement

IMH Endorsement Cohort 3

(n=18)

1st VAIMH IMH Training
4-Part Series
(MHS & MHM)

12/6/2016
VAIMH
Incorporated

Project SEED
VA
Scholarship
Funding for
Endorsement

5th Annual
Conference

2016

2017

IMH Endorsement Cohort 4

(n=21)

2nd VAIMH IMH Training
4-Part Series
(MHS & MHM)

6th Annual
Conference

The Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia (ECMHVA) Initiative partners with VAIMH to implement the Virginia Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement. Funding for the Endorsement Coordinator is made available through DBHDS (Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia), VDOE (Early Childhood Special Education) & VDSS (Head Start State Collaboration Office). The Endorsement Coordinator is an employee of the Partnership for People with Disabilities at VCU.



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A Historical Overview (continued)

IMH Endorsement Cohort 5 (n=20)

VAIMH's 3rd President
Allan Phillips

3rd VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series (MHS & MHM)

VAIMH Chapters Formed
3 Regions

DBHDS Scholarship Funding for EI Endorsement Applicants

7th Annual Conference (with VTCC)

2018

IMH Endorsement Cohort 6 (n=39)

VAIMH's 4th President
Sharon Veatch

4th VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series (MHS & MHM)

DBHDS Scholarship Funding for EI Endorsement Applicants

Early Impact VA Scholarship Funding for HV Endorsement Applicants

2019

IMH Endorsement Cohort 7 (n=16)

5th VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series

VAIMH offers the Leadership Certificate

VAIMH's 4th Chapter Formed

Diversity Informed Tenets Webinar & Dr. Zeanah's Attachment Seminar

Early Impact VA Scholarship Funding for HV Endorsement Applicants

2020

IMH Endorsement Cohort 8 (n=29)

6th VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series

VAIMH Website Created
Professional Development Committee begins offering monthly virtual training.

DBHDS Scholarship Funding for EI Endorsement Applicants

Early Impact VA Scholarship Funding for HV Endorsement Applicants

2021

IMH Endorsement Cohort 9 (n=41)

7th VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series

2nd Endorsement Coordinator
Pam Booker

1st Annual Virtual IECMH Awareness Event

Family Reflective Supervisor Credential

ECMH Endorsement Leadership Cohort Selected

DBHDS Scholarship Funding for EI Endorsement Applicants

Early Impact VA Scholarship Funding for HV Endorsement Applicants

2022

IECMH Endorsement Cohort 10 (n=79)

IMH=61 + ECMH=18

8th VAIMH IMH Training 4-Part Series

1st VAIMH ECMH Endorsees
Jessica Brickey
Mark Gardner
Sandra Triveri
Melinda Whitehurst

3rd Endorsement Coordinator
Kristen Stahr

Robins Foundation Grant Award

2nd Annual Virtual IECMH Awareness Event

ECMH-E Rollout

VAIMH's 1st Executive Director
Dr. Anjali Ferguson

DBHDS Scholarship Funding for EI Endorsement Applicants

Early Impact VA Scholarship Funding for HV Endorsement Applicants

2023

IECMH Endorsement Cohort 11 (n=)

VAIMH's 5th President
Tracy Walters

VAIMH's 6th President
Tanya Coles

2nd Annual Virtual IECMH Awareness Event

Creation of VAIMH Scholarship Support for RSC

VAIMH's 1st Advocacy Day!

2024

2025

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