



We walk alongside you
as you cherish the child
in your home.



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CHERISH™

children encouraged by relationships in secure homes

what we do

CHERISH is an infant mental health home-visiting service for children in foster and out-of-home care placements. Through CHERISH services, we create and promote attachment security and aim to decrease the number of unnecessary placement disruptions in a child's life. We support reunifications whenever possible and encourage relationships between caregivers and parents. Interventions are individualized for each child with their caregiver or parent and include: listening to concerns, exploring possible solutions, and in-the-moment play or other regulating activities.

our story

In 2004, Kindering's clinical social work team developed CHERISH as a way to provide a safety net of early intervention services for children ages 0-3 in foster and out-of-home care. CHERISH recognizes that all children in foster and out-of-home care can benefit from social/emotional support. With our expansion to multiple Early Intervention sites in King County, over 400 children in foster and out-of-home placements are served by CHERISH each year.

In 2018, the CHERISH program at Kindering was awarded a Best Starts for Kids grant, expanding services to children ages 3-5.

who can help you

CHERISH service providers have degrees in social work, special education, speech therapy, and occupational or physical therapy. Each CHERISH provider has also gone through specialized training and receives support from Kindering's CHERISH program.

In addition, CHERISH 3-5 providers are licensed mental health therapists specializing in the treatment of trauma and attachment.



our programs

Children 0-3 years: Early Intervention agencies in King County with CHERISH programs include:

- Birth to Three*
- Boyer Children's Clinic
- Children's Therapy Center*
- Encompass
- Kindering**
- Northwest Center
- Wonderland Developmental Center**

*also serves families in Pierce County

**also serves families in Snohomish County

Children 3-5 years: weekly visits with a Kindering CHERISH clinical social worker throughout King County.

refer a child

Children can be referred for CHERISH services by anyone—caregivers, pediatricians, or other professionals. If you are not sure which agency a child would be served by, please contact the CHERISH program at Kindering by phone 425 653 4321 or email cherish@kindering.org

website

To learn more about the CHERISH program, visit us online at www.cherish-kindering.org