



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

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CHERISH™

Niños alentados por relaciones en hogares seguros o  
conocido en inglés como Children Encouraged by  
Relationships in Secure Homes

## what we do

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CHERISH es un programa de apoyo a la salud mental infantil a través de visitas al domicilio para niños que se encuentran en situaciones de cuidado de crianza temporal o que viven en ubicaciones fuera del hogar. A través de los servicios de CHERISH, creamos y promovemos las relaciones con el objetivo de disminuir el número de interrupciones por colocaciones innecesarias en la vida de un niño (a). Apoyamos las reunificaciones siempre que sean posibles y fomentamos las relaciones entre los cuidadores y los padres. Las intervenciones son individualizadas para cada niño con su cuidador, padre o madre e incluyen: escuchar inquietudes, explorar posibles soluciones, y el juego en el momento u otras actividades de regulación.

## what we do

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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

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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

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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

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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](mailto:cherish@kindering.org)

## website

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To learn more about the CHERISH program, visit us online at [www.cherish-kindering.org](http://www.cherish-kindering.org)