

CHERISH Overview



CHERISH Vision & Purposes:

Vision: Children (0-5) and their families involved in the child welfare system get their social-emotional needs met in safe, secure, and nurturing relationships.

Purposes:

To promote healing through safety and security in children's relationships.

To facilitate connections amongst the adults in a child's life.

To support children and families in ways that minimize additional trauma

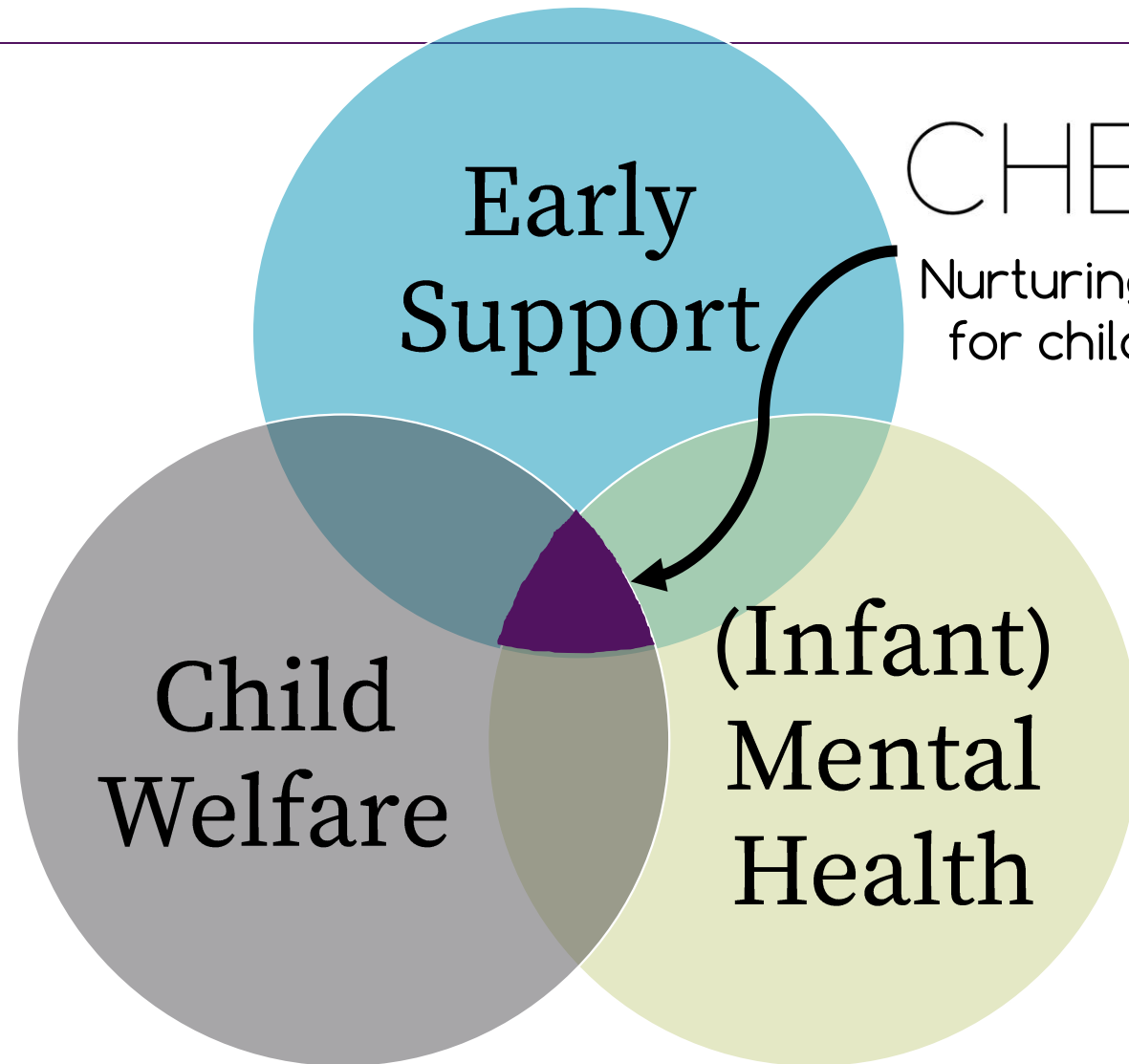


What is CHERISH? (Children Encouraged by Relationships in Secure Homes)

CHERISH is a multidisciplinary Infant Mental Health model for providing early support to child-welfare systems-involved children and their families.

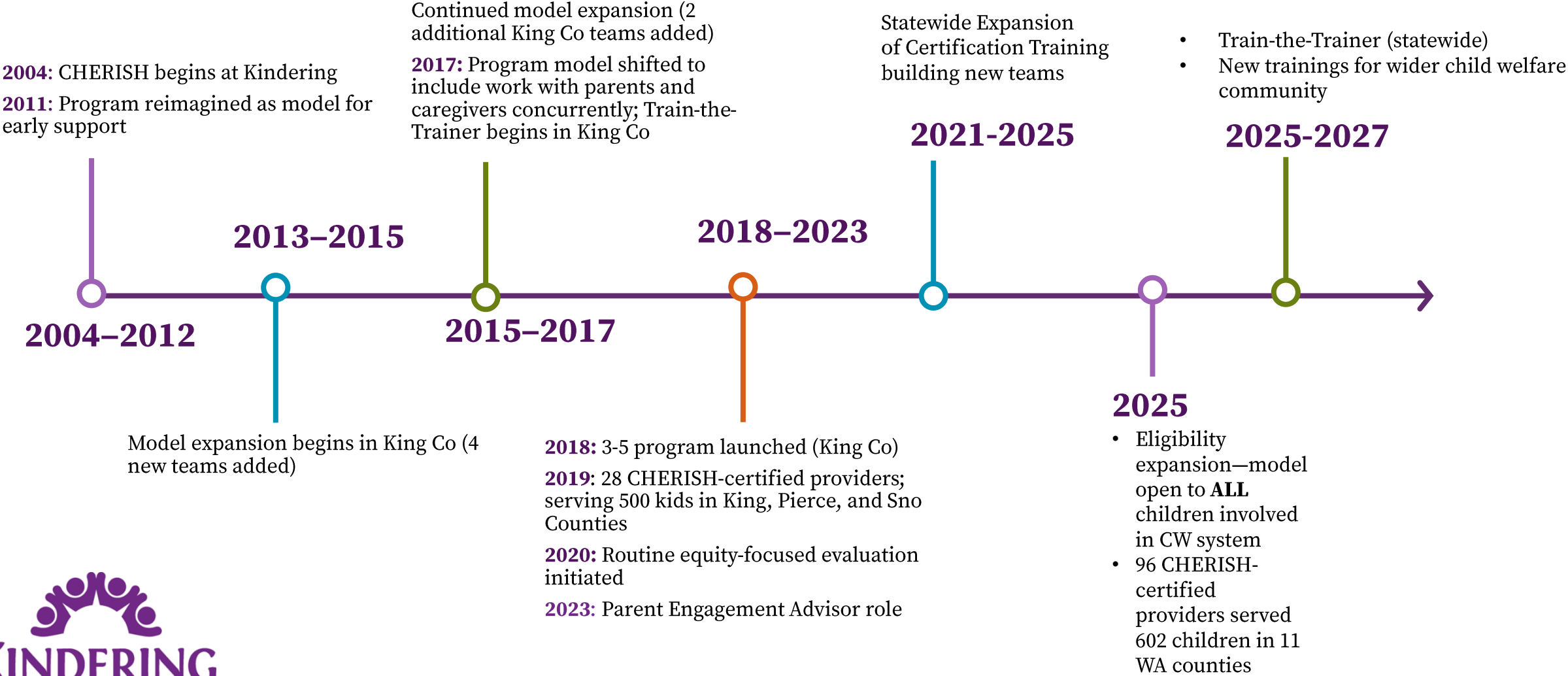
The **CHERISH** Program:

- Centers **relationships**
- Provides **training**
- Emphasizes **Advocacy**

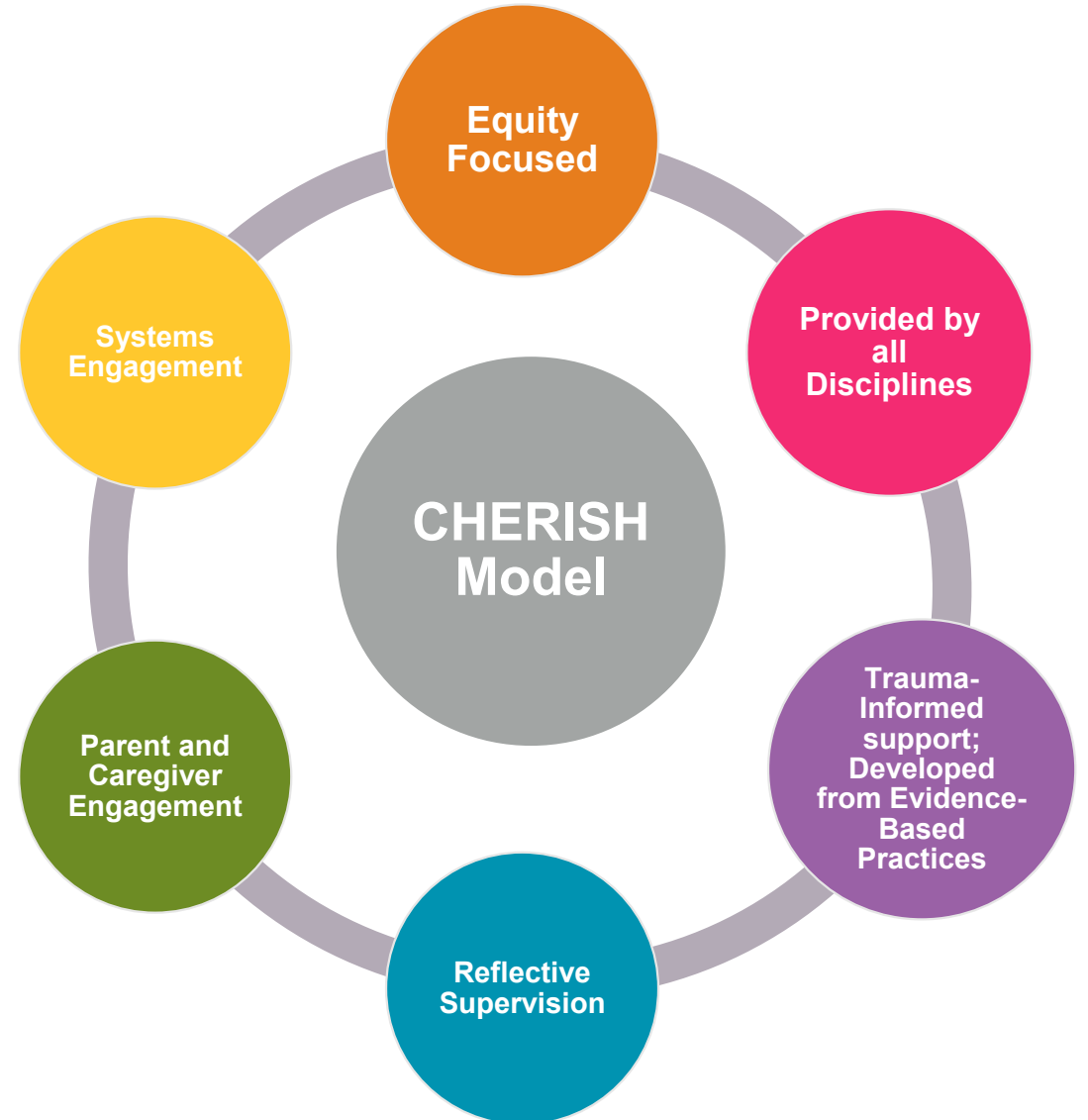


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Nurturing relationships
for children to thrive

CHERISH History & Growth



CHERISH Model: Active Ingredients



Focus on Relationships

Honoring and strengthening the child's network of support

- CHERISH works with *both* parents *and* caregivers, honoring various perspectives about the child
- Both families benefit from individualized support, with goals relevant to their unique family routines & needs
- Options for Participation – flexible support to meet families where they're at



Training Opportunities for Providers



CHERISH 101 – Informed Training

- For early support service providers who work with children and families in the child welfare system
- Four live sessions, approximately two-hours each combined with asynchronous learning (4-6 hours)
- At completion, participants considered “CHERISH-Informed”



CHERISH 102 – Conversations & Mentoring

- Optional, regular virtual meetings for attendees of CHERISH 101 to access ongoing learning & support
- Provides platform for feedback to the training and technical assistance team regarding community needs statewide



CHERISH Certification Training

- Cohort of early support providers engaged in-depth training/mentoring
- Weekly training sessions over six months
- At completion, providers are certified and continue with ongoing support from the CHERISH program; their agency has a CHERISH Team

CHERISH Outcomes

Increased Parent Involvement in Services

Improved Child-Parent and Child-Caregiver Relationships

Developmental Milestones Met/Increased Child Wellbeing

Placement Stabilization

Parent and Caregiver Satisfaction

Systems Engagement for Better Outcomes

Equity-Focused Outcomes Analysis



Equity Focused

- Support keeping families together
- Provider trainings centered in racial equity practices
- Data analysis for race/ethnicity disparities
- Take program guidance from parents and caregivers with lived experience
- Solicit organic feedback
- Discuss culture openly and address racism & historical trauma
- Hire staff with lived experience in child welfare system



Community Partnership & Resources

Visit our website:
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Transition Tool Kit for infants and toddlers

Transition Tool Kit: Overview-1

KEY COMPONENTS OF A TRANSITION:

For infants and toddlers in out-of-home placement, the team of adults who facilitate moves that keep the child's best interests at the center.

Any move between primary caregivers, or placement, should be done with attention to the components of a transition:

- Listen to parents and the child.
- Transition plan parts of these possible goals and aspects you.

Before:

- Center relationships and contacts around shared goals of helping child thrive.
- Develop a written transition plan document developed at Shared Planning Meetings (e.g. FTDDs) where all team members are invited to formulate this plan.
- Ensure that roles, responsibilities, services, and plans for follow-up are clear and agreed upon.
- Consider referral to Infant Mental Health services for assessment and strategic support.

During:

- Multiple current and caregiver to a new caregiver.
- Over time.

CONNECTIONS

FOSTERING HOPE AND HEALING FOR FAMILIES THROUGH THE SHARED LOVE OF A CHILD

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