



WELCOME TO 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to kick off the new school year and would like to welcome all new and returning families to KINDERING.

Kindering Renton Coming Soon!

We're thrilled to open the doors of our new Renton campus to its first families this fall! We served more than 4,000 families in 2016, a 14 percent increase over the year prior, and this new site will allow us to expand access and deepen services for South King County families. Kindering Renton will serve 200 infants and young children with disabilities, delays, and risk factors each year.

KINDERING'S 12TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO COURAGE LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

HOST A TABLE OR BRING A FRIEND!

Join us on Friday, September 29th at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue for our 12th Annual Salute to Courage Luncheon! This event is a chance to gather with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the courage of the amazing children that walk through our doors every day! During the program you will be inspired by the stories that you hear and will come away with a better understanding of the programs and services that Kindering has to offer.

And, we're thrilled to announce that this year's keynote speaker is Lenny Wilkens, basketball legend and philanthropic leader.

Seating is Limited! For more information on the luncheon and to reserve your seats today, please [visit our website](#) or contact the Development Department at development@kindering.org.

ALL FAMILY KICK-OFF- BREAKFAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Join us on September 9th for our annual kickoff breakfast at the Kindering office in Bellevue. Drop by between 9:00 am and noon for some great food and the chance to meet other dads and their families. No need to RSVP or register.



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL FATHERS NETWORK CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 4TH

Save the date for the annual Fathers Network conference on November 4th in Bellevue. It's a great way to meet other dads and to get information that will be helpful for you and your family. Registration will open in August. To make sure to get information on the conference and other Network events, join our mailing list [here](#).

"Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar."

CALENDAR 2017

SEPTEMBER 4
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
KINDERING CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 7
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS RESUME

SEPTEMBER 9
FATHERS NETWORK
KINDERING BELLEVUE
"ALL FAMILY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST"
9:00 a.m.- 12:00p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27
SPEAKER SERIES
KINDERING BOTHELL
Nourishing Emotional Well- being
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 29
SALUTE TO COURAGE LUNCHEON
HYATT REGENCY BELLEVUE
RSVP
[visit our website](#)

Last Chance for Parent Survey!

Let your voice be heard on how we are doing, and what kind of improvements you would like to see! Complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Kindering2017> by September 29th!



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KINDERING & ALLEGRO PEDIATRICS

FALL SPEAKER SERIES WORKSHOP

We're pleased to announce the 2017 Allegro Pediatrics – Kindering Speaker Series. All of these talks are from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on the Wednesday evening** indicated at the Kindering location listed beside the date. Come as early as 6:00 pm for mingling and light refreshments.

Individuals interested in attending RSVP to Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kinding.org or leave a message at 425.289.7527 so we can ensure space is available.

Childcare is not available for the speaker series.

September 27, 2017

Kindering Bothell

Nourishing Emotional Well-being

Rosanne Carter, Infant Mental Health Therapist

October 25, 2017

Kindering Bellevue

Advocating for your Child

We are thrilled to have Cathy Murahashi, Family Engagement Coordinator of ARC of King County present this topic with her knowledge, experience and plenty of time for Q&A.

BABY STEPS

Have you wished you could meet other parents of infants/toddlers with special needs? Have you wondered where you could take your baby to experience socialization, play, and also have adult contact? Would you like new play ideas and songs? If you answered yes to any of the questions, then Baby Steps may be for you!

Baby Steps is a parent/infant class that focuses on connection, play, support, and building relationships. In this class, the joys and challenges of raising a child with special needs will be shared, celebrated, and supported. Baby Steps is the first of many beginnings.

If interested, contact your family resource coordinator for more information.

FATHERS NETWORK

Join the Fathers Network [mailing list](#) to get monthly information about articles, workshops, conferences, classes and events. This is information about the community in general, not just about the Fathers Network. And, anyone, not just dads, is welcome to be on the mailing list.

SIBSHOPS

If your child with special needs has a 6-11 year old typically developing brother or sister, Sibshops is a great opportunity for siblings to connect and share their experiences. Visit <https://kinding.org/services/familysupport/sibshops/> to learn more and register or email sibshops@kinding.org.

EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY CALENDAR

(Does not apply to KidsClinic)
2017-2018

EI PROGRAMS RESUME

Thursday, September 7

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Tuesday, October 24

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Friday, November 10

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Wednesday November 22-
Friday, November 24

FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 14
Programs on a different schedule

WINTER BREAK

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, December 18– Tuesday, January 2

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, January 15

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Wednesday, January 24

MID-WINTER BREAK

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, February 19- Friday, February 23

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Thursday, March 15

SPRING BREAK

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, April 9- Friday, April 13

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, May 28

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Wednesday, June 13

JULY BREAK

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, July 2– Friday, July 6

GRADUATION & FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday August 15

AUGUST BREAK

Classes & Therapies cancelled
Monday, August 20– Friday,
August 31 (September return date TBD)



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■■■■ KINDERING BELLEVUE PARKING

Please enjoy our "RESERVED Kinding Only" parking spots in the front and side of our building. When you arrive at Kinding Bellevue please do not use the fire station's entrance and driveway. Our entrance is the driveway just east of that. Please do not park in the "Fire Only" spaces that face the fire station. **Never leave children unattended in a car.**

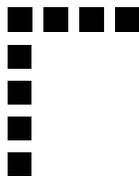
RESOURCES

- We have family waiting rooms at both locations that are a great place for kids to play and parents to visit.
- The Parent Library within the family waiting room in Bellevue offers resources and books just waiting to be checked out!
- Kinding's sensory garden and Crossroads Park are right outside Kinding Bellevue's front door with easy trail access to the play equipment. Kinding Bothell has great walking trails.
- A check-in phone is located at the front desk with a list of Kinding staff and their extensions. If the receptionist is unavailable please dial the extension number of the person you are trying to reach.
- Look for Kinding parent events such as Mothers' Circle, Sibshops, and Fathers Network as well as Development special events on the bulletin board across from the indoor play area or on our lobby TV monitors.



IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDERS

- **NO NUTS!** Due to individual allergies to nuts and concerns for the health of our children, we ask families and staff not to bring any nut products into our building. This includes peanut butter, trail mix, candy bars and any other foods containing any type of nut. Thanks!
- All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Please review the [Early Intervention Parent Handbook](#) for updated policies and other information.
- We expect that all parents and guests are respectful and appropriate. Please review appropriate behavior in the Parent Handbook.
- We ask that you be extra careful with beverages and foods in the building. Cleaning supplies are available if spills occurs. We appreciate your help in keeping our facility clean.
- Classrooms, therapy rooms and the Motor room/indoor play area are for classroom and therapy use only. Families must be accompanied by a therapist.
- Please check the Lost & Found, located in the classroom observation room, regularly. Unclaimed items will be donated.
- Please be sure to flush toilet paper **ONLY**. Baby wipes and changing table paper will clog the toilets. Please bag and dispose of diapers in the proper receptacles, not in the trash cans. Thanks for your support!



ILLNESS EXCLUSION & INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Kinding is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff and other volunteers of the agency. We view parents as our partners in promoting the safety and health of others by preventing the spread of communicable disease.

Please read our Illness Exclusion policy in entirety, found in your Kinding parent handbook.

Be sure to notify staff immediately if your child contracts a known infectious disease, in particular, those that can be harmful to pregnant women or medically vulnerable children or adults.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Kinding requires an immunization record on file for all children. Please provide Kinding with a completed [Certificate of Immunization Status Form](#). We encourage children enrolled at Kinding to meet these requirements.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>

For exemption information, go to page 9 of the Kinding Parent Handbook.



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STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL

We are currently enrolling in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our Bothell and Bellevue campus. Our spaces for children who are receiving early intervention services are limited (your child may be added to the waitlist if they are not already). We are also enrolling community preschoolers- please refer friends or enroll siblings, ages 22-33 months. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or the Early Learning Coordinator Lauri Stoll @ 425.747.4004 ext. 4332 or email Lauri.Stoll@kinderling.org.

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Hello! My name is Ariana Gomez and I am a new Bilingual Family Resource Coordinator at Kinderling. I moved to Seattle from Nevada, where I received my Bachelors in Human Development and Family Studies and also worked for an

Early Intervention program as a Developmental Specialist. I moved to Seattle to work on my Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health and Art Therapy and I'm thrilled to be working in Early Intervention again. Outside of work and school, I love engaging in anything associated with the creative arts; painting, going to art shows, and listening to spoken word Poetry.



Hello! My name is Erin Adams, and I am a new Family Resource Coordinator here at Kinderling. I moved to Seattle three years ago from Atlanta where I lived for ten years.

I attended Georgia State University and completed my Bachelor's degree in Community Psychology there. While finishing my degree I was lucky enough to intern and eventually work at the Marcus Autism Center in Atlanta and discovered my passion for working with children and their families. For the past few years I have worked mainly with children who fall on the autism spectrum conducting ABA therapy. I also enjoy hiking with my dog, reading, cooking, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends.



Hi! My name is Arianne Alverio, and I am a new Family Resources Coordinator Assistant and Teaching Assistant here at Kinderling. I grew up in Philippines and was recently relocated in Seattle. I graduated from St. Paul University Manila

Philippines with a degree in Psychology and worked as a preschool teacher in a Montessori School. To be part of the new Renton branch is a privilege and I am very fortunate to be part of the team. I look forward to know all of you this year!



Hello! My name is Catherine Duffy and I am the new Operations Administrative Assistant here at Kinderling.

I grew up in Walla Walla and completed both my Bachelor of Arts in English and my Master of Arts in Policy Studies at the University of Washington while raising our four (now) adult sons and daughters. With my passion for children and families, I worked on our state's quality rating improvement system, Early Achievers, as a Data Collector and Community Liaison helping childcare providers learn how to improve the quality of care provided at their family homes and centers, especially for the very young. I have also walked on the parent-side of raising a special needs child for the past 25 years, and look forward to the opportunity to give back to the community as a member of the Kinderling team. In my free time I enjoy time with our children and grandson, hiking, biking, and playing outdoors with my husband, deep water aerobics, writing, and reading.

Looking forward to another great year!



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