



With your support, we helped **4,455 children** with life-changing services in 2017 through **3 main approaches**:

**1. DIRECT SERVICES:** Leading-edge therapies and special education ensure that children get the help they need when they need it most, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

**Program Spotlights:**

- **Early Intervention:** We helped 2,485 infants and toddlers with special needs such as autism, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome in 2017.
- **Private Therapy:** KidsClinic individualized therapies supported developmental gains for 437 children through age 10 in 2017.
- **Diagnostic Evaluations:** Hiring our own medical director has mitigated lengthy community wait times.

**2. PARTNERSHIPS AND ROBUST**

**CONSULTATION:** Scalable programs and strategic consultation with community partners expand our impact, empowering providers across our region to replicate our services and help more families.

**Program Spotlight | CHERISH™:** Our CHERISH program helps foster children through home visits supporting infant mental health and attachment security, and trains providers to replicate the CHERISH model.

- **Direct Support:** CHERISH programs served 412 foster children in 2017.
- **Replication:** 7 early intervention centers and 21 providers are now CHERISH-trained and serving communities across King County.
- **Parent Inclusion:** CHERISH led countywide efforts to promote family reunification and stability by supporting traditionally-overlooked biological families of children in out-of-home care.

**3. THOUGHT LEADERSHIP:** Our pioneering family support models empower families worldwide to apply Kindering's expertise and innovative approaches in their own homes and communities.

**Program Spotlight | Sibling Support Project:**

Our Sibling Support Project bolsters and connects siblings of people with disabilities from around the world.

- **Sibshops™:** 400+ communities across 9 countries have established Sibshops, support groups for siblings of children with disabilities.
- **Workshops and Trainings:** In 2017, we provided trainings and workshops in 12 states, Canada, and Ireland.
- **Social Media:** Sibling Support Project Facebook groups connect 6,500+ relatives of people with disabilities with their peers worldwide.



# 2017 REPORT CARD

**DEMAND IS:  
URGENT**

85% of brain development occurs by age three

**WIDESPREAD**

13% of children have developmental disabilities

**GROWING**

Kindering reached 8% more families in 2017

**EARLY INTERVENTION GRADUATES**



Do not require special education services after Kindering



Narrow the development gap

**RETURNS ON INVESTMENT**

Each Kindering grad who tests out of special education saves **\$51,399** over their K-12 years.

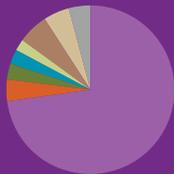
Kindering grads yield **\$14 million** in annualized savings for local school districts.



## 2017 FINANCIALS

**Expenditures \$12,643,827**

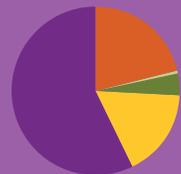
Depreciation expense of \$316,005 is excluded



- Early Intervention \$9,160,697
- KidsClinic \$791,267
- Management & General \$673,437
- Fundraising \$538,747
- CHERISH \$461,673
- Early Care & Education Consulting \$397,392
- Parent Education & Parent Child Home Program \$355,758
- Family Support \$264,856

**Revenue & Support \$13,027,795**

Investment income of \$1,253,109 is excluded



- Government \$7,057,891
- Program Fees \$3,338,230
- Contributions \$2,076,666
- United Way \$486,591
- In-kind Donations \$68,417

**Ending Net Assets \$16,956,331**

### MEETING FAMILIES WHERE THEY ARE A KINDERING RENTON SUCCESS STORY

Talon was born with Autism Spectrum Disorder. When he came to Kinderling, he was largely nonverbal, making no gestures and limited eye contact. His mother Michelle remarked over Kinderling's breadth of services and focus on the whole family. Having navigated a patchwork early intervention system in California with two older sons who have special needs, Kinderling's ability to diagnose in-house and coordinate full-scope care blew her away. "They even involved his brothers in how to help." She also recalls being stopped in her tracks when for the first time ever she was asked: "How are **you** doing?"

He attended our Stepping Stones inclusive preschool, and at 20 months he joined CUBS, our program for children on the autism spectrum. Michelle watched Talon's skills skyrocket. But living near Renton, driving to and from Bellevue almost daily was all-consuming. "It was well worth it, but it was a huge drain," she recalls. When Kinderling Renton opened, the family immediately enrolled there. "It was a life-saver," says Michelle. "Having Kinderling nearby and in your own community makes all the difference for families who are already under great distress."

Talon thrived, and continued receiving educational, occupational therapy, and speech services at home too. He now knows hundreds of words, is beginning to form sentences, and can spell and read. "Kinderling has always met us where we're at, in every sense," says Michelle. "They have stepped up for our family and for the community, and harnessed Talon's strengths to truly let him soar."

**OUR MISSION:** *Kinderling embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar.*



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