SAVE THE DATE!

Night Out for Kindering is coming up! Bring your friends and join us on July 18 at Woodhouse Wine Estates for an evening of tasty tapas and Woodhouse Wines, all in support of Kindering and our mission to provide hope, courage, and the skills to soar. Admission is free, and there will be a variety of fun ways to give back, including raffles, silent auction, wine toss, and more! Find more details and register online at: kindering.org/night-out

SALUTE TO COURAGE

Join us for our 14th Annual Salute to Courage Luncheon on Friday, October 25 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. Kindering’s Salute to Courage Luncheon is a chance to gather with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the courage of the extraordinary children that walk through Kindering’s doors every day! This event allows our community to sit down to a nice lunch and learn about our programs and the impact they are making on the children in our care. Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Jeff Sperring, CEO of Seattle Children’s. For more information and to register, visit: kindering.org/luncheon

SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday June 5th, 2019 – special time 4:45-6pm
Location: Bright Horizons 19801 Northcreek Parkway BOTHELL

Building Appropriate Self Esteem in your Child
Lois Ralph, MPH Kindering Parent Education Coordinator

Children with healthy self-esteem have a greater chance to develop into positive confident adults. This class provided by Kindering’s Parent Educator, is designed to support and strengthen parents in the area of developing self-esteem and learning to accept their child for who they are.

*Childcare for children ages 2-6 is available for no cost with pre-registration.

Please Register with Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kindering.org or go to www.kindering.org/speaker-series
SIBSHOPS

WHAT ARE SIBSHOPS?
Sibshops are fun, action-packed workshops in which siblings of children with special needs are encouraged to share challenges and celebrate joys with brothers and sisters in similar situations. It’s a celebration of the many contributions that brothers and sisters of children with special needs make to their families and communities.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SIBSHOPS?
Based on the Children’s Hospital program model designed by Don Meyer, each Sibshop mixes information and discussion activities with new games, active play, and art projects! Dinner and dessert will also be provided.

WHEN & WHERE ARE SIBSHOPS?
Kindering is pleased to offer Sibshops at the Bothell, Bellevue, and Renton locations. Sibshops will be hosted at the following locations/times:

**Bellevue** – 16120 NE 8th St, (behind Bellevue fire station 3)
October– June- Third Friday of each month from 4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

**Renton** – Meadow Crest Early Learning Center
1800 Index Ave NE
October-June – Second Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Bothell** – coming soon!

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Typically developing 1st-6th graders. Groups may be split by age/grade for some activities.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
$30 per session, per child. This includes dinner. Scholarship funds may be available upon request.
Learn more and register online at [www.kindering.org/sibshops](http://www.kindering.org/sibshops), or contact Kindering Sibshops facilitators at sibshops@kindering.org.

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.

FATHERS NETWORK

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fathers Network invites you to join us for the following events in June:

**Dad and Kids Gaming Event:** June 9th at the Microsoft Store in University Village. We have the store to ourselves from 9:30-11:00 AM. See the underlined link above for more information, including how to register.

Our 36th annual family campout at Washington Park in Anacortes: The weekend of June 14-16. Come for the whole weekend (we’re done by noon on Sunday) and campout or just join us for part of the time. No need to register. More information can be found [here](http://www.kindering.org).

OPEN ENROLLMENT:

STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL

We are currently enrolling children ages 22-33 months in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our locations in Renton, Bothell, and Bellevue. We embrace learning through play with a themed curriculum and high teacher–student ratios. Children of diverse abilities are welcome, and we have lots of room for community preschoolers in this integrated program. Our spaces for those receiving early intervention services are limited, and your child may need to be added to the to the waitlist. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or Lauri Stoll, our Early Learning Coordinator, at 425-747-4004 ext.4953 or by email at Lauri.Stoll@kindering.org.

BABY STEPS

CLASS IN RENTON NOW ENROLLING!

What is it?
Baby Steps is a parent-child playgroup for infants with special needs and their families designed to provide parents with information and support; access to Kindering staff and resources; and a chance to get to know other parents and children in a similar situation. In addition, a highly qualified special educator provides parents with coaching around how to support effective play, target new skills, and have positive responsive parent-infant interactions.

Who can join?
Baby Steps is for caregivers and their babies from birth through approximately 16-18 months of age who are eligible for Early Intervention services. Family members including parents, foster parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, and/or siblings are welcome.

**When?**
Classes meet once a week for 1 hour on Wednesdays at noon.

**How do I register?**
Please contact your Family Resources Coordinator or your child’s therapist to discuss enrollment as space is limited and subject to availability.
PARENT SURVEY
Be On the Lookout!
Your feedback is so very important to us and we want to hear from you! Keep an eye out for the upcoming Parent Survey. A link will be included in the next Family Newsletter as well as reminders sent individually. We appreciate and value your communication with us!

SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP SERIES
Foundations of Sensory Processing: Understanding Your Child’s Behavior
June 25, 6-8:30 p.m.
Kindering Bellevue
To register, contact Colleen Willis at colleen.willis@kindering.org

WELCOME NEW STAFF
Hello, my name is Joy Meno, and I am the new Operations Administrative Assistant at the Bellevue campus. I was born and raised on the beautiful island of Guam and have lived all over the world in places like Germany, South Korea, and Hawaii. I have a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, from DeVry University, and previously worked at a Child Development Center as an Administrative Assistant. I enjoy listening to music, baking, and going on adventures with my husband and our 3 children, as well as cheering on our Seattle Seahawks!!!

Hello, my name is Andy Madsen. I am a new speech-language pathologist here at Kindering. I am Seattle native and graduate from the University of Washington. I have 11 years of experience including six years in the clinic setting with Group Health (now Kaiser Permanente). For the last five years I have worked in the public schools. I have a specialized interest in reaching nonverbal children and helping them find their voice. I especially enjoy empowering kids with severe autism to communicate using assistive technology. In my personal time, I enjoy doing ballet and martial arts, studying languages (¡Hablo espanol!), and spending time with my three children.

Hi, my name is Abby Pilling and I am the new Office & Facilities Manager here at Kindering. I grew up in Maryland and earned my Bachelors of Music in Music Therapy from Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. I moved to Austin, TX after completing my undergraduate and worked for the American Cancer Society for the last 6 years. I am recently married and my husbands job brought us to Washington state at the end of March. I am excited to be here at Kindering and continue my work with non-profits!

UNEXPECTED JOURNEY
RAISING A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
JUNE 8, 2019
9:00AM-3:00PM
KINDERING BELLEVUE
Moms and dads often discover raising a child with special needs have significant challenges. It is natural for parents to have different perspectives on family issues, as moms and dads contribute different strengths to their families. Unexpected Journey helps participants understand this situation and many others in a one-day structured discussion exploring the most important issues a family predictably experiences when having a child with special needs. In a safe, flexible, and fun environment, we will learn from our challenges and appreciate the joys of raising kids with special needs.

Topics include:
• coping with grief and stress
• gaining family resilience
• nurturing the relationship you have as a couple

Workshop is free for Kindering families. Please bring your own lunch or snacks and please note that childcare is not provided.

Contact & Registration
Call: Rosanne Carter at 425.984.2623 or email: rosanne.carter@kindering.org

Facilitators:
Louis Mendoza, Manager of the Washington State Fathers Network for Kindering, is a father of two adult daughters, worked for 10 years as a paraeducator for children with special needs in the Northshore School District and has coached for Special Olympics.

Rosanne Carter, Infant Mental Health Therapist, is a mother of two children, ages 8 and 5, and has been working with children and families for 20 years. She has been an Early-Intervention Infant Mental Health Therapist at Kindering for almost 10 years. Rosanne provides relationship based support to families at Kindering and is the Family Support Manager.

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