FOR THE PARENTS OF KINDERING CHILDREN

25TH ANNUAL AUCTION GALA
MARCH 30, 2019
6:00-11:00 PM
Join us as we rocket to outer space at our 25th Annual Auction Gala!
Host a Table: Table captains are the heart of the Auction! Purchase a whole table to treat your friends to an unforgettable night, or buy your own ticket and encourage others to join in!
Donate Items: If you have new items of value or unique experiences that you’d like to donate for the event, please download a procurement form or contact development@kindering.org with ideas or questions.

Be a Sponsor: Our Auction wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Learn about the fantastic benefits you can receive by sponsoring this event by emailing Jennifer Schumacher.

Event Details:
Kindering’s 25th Annual Auction Gala is on March 30, 2019, from 6-11pm, at the Westin Seattle. Find more information at the Kindering Auction page.

SPEAKER SERIES
WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2019
TODDLER 101
Presented by Dr. David Reuter, Allegro Pediatrics
6:00-8:30 p.m.
At Verdant Health Commission
4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA

Come as early as 6pm for mingling and light refreshments. The presentation is 6:30-8:30pm. NO COST but Please RSVP to Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kindering.org or leave a message at 425.289.7527 so we can ensure space is available. Childcare is not available for these speaker series.

CALENDAR UPDATE
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
Kindering families,
Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this month full of inclement weather days. Your support allowed us to keep children, families, and staff safe during this time. We greatly appreciate the many families who tried new and creative ways to connect with our providers, and for your flexibility with canceling and/or rescheduling when possible. Your providers will continue to check in with you about services missed. Please note, we have made the decision to provide services for families as usual on March 12th and June 13th, changing our staff development days back to regular programming days. We greatly appreciate your collaboration and support.

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NOEMBER NEWS
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MARCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

ILLNESS EXCLUSION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Kindering 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. To that end, we consider the advice of the King County Health Department. Please take a minute to review the entire policy located in your parent handbook.

Thanks for your continued support in this area!
Parent Handbook

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Do you love taking photos? Do you love seeing our kids in action? We’re looking for volunteer photographers to help us capture the moments that happen in our classes. You can reach out to Carolyn Fritzsche at Carolyn.fritzsche@kindering.org with any questions and to talk about volunteering your time.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Hi! My name is Stephanie, and I am thrilled to be joining Kindering’s fantastic team of Early Intervention Speech-Language Pathologists!

I grew up in the greater Seattle area, and received both my Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences and my Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Washington. I had the privilege of completing both of my graduate school internships in early intervention at Kindering Bothell, during which I developed a passion for providing the holistic, family-centered care that Kindering champions. I began my career as a Speech-Language Pathologist in private outpatient pediatrics, and am now ecstatic to have the opportunity to return to Kindering! Recently, I have obtained certification in It Takes Two to Talk, a program by The Hanen Centre designed for parents of young children with language delay. In my spare time, I enjoy singing in a local choir, baking, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends.

Hello! My name is Andrew, and I am a new IT Administrative Assistant here at Kindering. I grew up in the greater Seattle area and attended Coding Dojo. I have previously worked with Early Intervention, so I am familiar with some of the ins and outs of the program. I am grateful and excited to work alongside those working towards a great cause! Outside of work I enjoy spending time with friends and family, being outdoors, and traveling.

The auction is coming soon, so if you’re asking... “what can I do to help?”

Be a greeter at the event! Every year we ask Kindering kiddos, alumni, siblings and parents to help greet guests as they arrive at the hotel. Greeters can be sibling pairs, parent/child, or the whole family!

Details: Greeters will be in the lobby smiling, waving or saying hello while folks are arriving:
5:45-7:15pm
Westin Seattle
1900 5th Ave Seattle, WA 98101
Parking will be validated.

The auction is fun! It’s a chance to dress up (perhaps pull out some of those barely used dresses, suits or holiday outfits once again) and be a part of something big! Please let me know if your family is interested in greeting. Contact colleen.willis@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 waiting list. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or Lauri Stoll, our Early Learning Coordinator, at 425-747-4004 ext.4332 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.

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 – 3rd 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 – 2nd 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 or contact Kindering Sibshops facilitators at sibshops@kindering.org.

SIBSHOP EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP
Do you sometimes wonder how your child's diagnosis might affect their sibling? Join us on March 22nd in Lynnwood for a Sibshop Educational Workshop! Learn about the unique concerns and opportunities that siblings can experience. No cost for Kindering families. Space is limited, registration is required. For information about the event: https://kindering.org/portfolio-items/sibshops/?portfolioCats=108 (right side of page). To register at no cost, please contact Emily.Holl@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.

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ADVOCACY DAYS
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What to Expect
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For more info in Snohomish County: http://www.arcso.org/joomlaTools-files/docman-images/Advocacy%20Days%202019%20ArcSno.jpg
For more info in King County https://arcw.org/index.php/takeaction/washingtonstate/advocacy_day

UNEXPECTED JOURNEY—BEING A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
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Topics include:
• Coping with grief and stress
• Gaining family resilience
• Nurturing the relationship you have as a couple

When?
• March 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where?
• Kindering Bothell
  19801 North Creek Pkwy, St 200
  Bothell, WA 98011

How much does it cost?
• FREE for Kindering families
• Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.
• Please note that childcare is not provided.

Facilitators
Louis Mendoza and Rosanne Carter

For additional information or to register, please contact Rosanne Carter at 425.984.2623 or by email at rosanne.carter@kindering.org.

KINDERING INCREMENT WEATHER POLICY
In the event of inclement weather and snow, please check if Kindering will be closed.

Kindering Bellevue generally follows Bellevue School District’s closing and delay schedule.
• Newsline 425.456.4111 or wwwbsd405.org
• If Bellevue’s elementary schools are closed, Kindering Bellevue will also be closed
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Kindering Bothell generally follows Northshore School District’s closing and delay schedule.
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Other ways to learn about inclement weather closures and delays:
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• KOMO TV News (Channel 4) 206.443.4145
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