A Milestone Reached

In 2021, Kindering reached over 10,000 children and families with life-changing therapies, special education, family supports, trainings, and more.

That means we not only met but also surpassed the goal we set in 2017 – despite impacts from the pandemic.

In alignment with our equity vision, Kindering incorporates CARE principles (compassion, appreciation, resilience, and empowerment) into all our work. We are proud to report that as of this year, Kindering has been officially recognized as a CARE-designated site.

OUR MISSION
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.

OUR EQUITY STATEMENT
I belong. Eradicate systemic, racial, and oppressive barriers so everyone succeeds.

In Innovating for Impact

In response to COVID-19, services were first offered virtually and we quickly found a way to offer in-person services in 2021 with resounding support and continued focus on safety. The CHERISH program is another example. By delivering its trainings virtually, CHERISH has now trained hundreds of additional providers statewide in its proven, trauma-informed strategies.

Deepening Partnerships

Families come to Kindering seeking a variety of services and we support them to the fullest extent possible. This includes partnering with other organizations who specialize in serving families facing housing instability, trauma, and financial crises. Through our partnerships, our families receive support for their basic needs, which allows them to fully engage with their children in pediatric services like individual therapies, classes, and small group sessions.

Meeting Community Needs

The pandemic impacted early support enrollment across the country, and Kindering was no exception. Thanks to the strong relationships our staff have developed through years of service in our community, we have now exceeded pre-pandemic levels of enrollment. This could not come at a better time, as the pandemic has increased the need for early supports.

Building for the Future

As our community grows, so does the need for services. Kindering is keeping pace by expanding its campus footprint in Bothell and Redmond, where we are hiring more expert staff, building customized new classrooms, and establishing innovative partnerships to improve our comprehensive menu of services. The Bothell and Redmond projects are on track to be completed by 2022 and 2023, respectively. When brought to full capacity, this expansion will enable Kindering to serve 47% more children and families annually.
Alia and Arav, a set of twins, were born premature and spent two weeks in the NICU, where their worried parents watched them struggle to maintain their body temperatures. Their pediatrician referred them to Kindering. Like the majority of children in Kindering’s Early Support Program, Alia and Arav were born during the pandemic and in 2021 participated in virtual services. After two years of virtual motor and feeding therapy, the twins’ eating and sleeping have vastly improved. And despite their motor delays, they can now walk and even run!

"Knowing there’s someone we can rely on is the most comforting thing for us. Right from the beginning, Kindering has always been a safe space around us."  
- Alia and Arav’s dad