

CHERISHTM

Children Encouraged by Relationships In Secure Homes

CHERISH is an infant and early childhood mental health-focused ESIT (Early Support for Infants and Toddlers) service, established at Kindering in 2004. It is designed to meet the unique needs of children (ages 0-3) involved in the child welfare system. Our multidisciplinary providers receive specialized training and ongoing support from Kindering's training team to offer CHERISH services that create and promote attachment security and that decrease the number of unnecessary placement disruptions in a child's life. We support reunifications whenever possible and encourage relationships between caregivers and parents. CHERISH supports are individualized for each child with their parent &/or caregiver, but generally include:

- developmental evaluation
- relationship-based home visiting with regulating activities
- parent/caregiver support regarding child welfare system navigation

Eligibility

In order to receive CHERISH services, children must be:

- > under the age of 3 at time of referral
- > in an active dependency (child welfare legal case)
- > qualify for ESIT at an agency where there are CHERISH-certified providers, including South Sound Parent to Parent!

Referrals

Anyone can refer a child for CHERISH services at South Sound Parent to Parent!

Olympia office:
2108 Caton Way SW
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 352-1126
(360) 352-0761-Fax

Shelton Office:
2505 Olympic Hwy N #140
Shelton, WA 98534
(360) 462-0383
(360) 462-0362 (Español)
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Cost

ESIT is publicly funded and services, including CHERISH, are provided at **no cost** to parents and caregivers (relatives and foster families). The training that allows teams to offer CHERISH services is made possible by generous funding from community partners.



To learn more about CHERISH, visit cherish.kindering.org

**Nurturing Relationships for
Children to Thrive**

