



Satellite Family Child Care System

February 2024
Newsletter

A big welcome to our new Satellite Affiliate members,
all with shared goal of achieving accreditation!

Lynda Nelson – Happy Hearts Childcare

Candice Swartz – Sweet Dreams Childcare

Alison Joseph – The Playhouse

Congratulations on moving to Associate level with Satellite!

Vicki Kruegar – Minds in Motion

Congratulations on your first Accreditation!



Jana Matush – Matush
Family Daycare



Congratulations on your Reaccreditation!

Dawn Corda – Under the Willows LLC



Brandee Crabb – Waddle
In Family Child Care

Jenifer Cribben – Jenifer's
Joyous Ones



Wisconsin Family Child Care Conference Scholarship Drawing

Location: Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells (see page 12 for conference flyer)

Eligibility: affiliate, associate, and accredited level Satellite providers

Deadline: February 15 (winners must confirm by March 1)

Scholarship options:

Two-day conference (total value--\$414.00)

- Registration fees for Friday and Saturday \$145
- 1 hotel room at the conference location \$139
- WFCCA 1 year membership \$30.00
- Access to the Chula Vista waterpark
- Gas card \$100.00 (received at the conference)

Single day conference: (total value--\$215.00)

- Registration fee for Saturday \$85
- WFCCA 1 year membership \$30
- Gas card \$100.00 (received at the conference)

LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON

Kid's Zone Family Childcare

Program Owner: Rosie Baataoui, Affiliate Satellite Provider

"Kid's Zone Family Childcare is play based. Our goal is to provide a relaxed warm environment where our daycare children feel loved and at home, with the opportunity to learn and grow. When we take in a child, they are part of our family and will be treated as such. We encourage positive social and emotional development and teach the children ways to facilitate conflict resolution. It is our belief that these skills will better serve the children in our care." – Rosie Baataoui



"I am so proud that our goal is for parents to feel good about their childcare choice, and the children are safe, engaged, educated, and smiling. And for the future we want these children to warmly look back at their experience with us and see it as a cherished part of their childhood.

Kid's Zone Family Childcare is here to offer your child the care, comfort, fun and safety they deserve. And for the parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing your child is in the best of hands. Each day I promise an exciting new adventure, and we make sure each child experiences the joy of a truly caring environment." – Rosie Baataoui



"Kid's Zone Family Childcare Journey is to be able to finish my bachelor's degree in early childhood and improve my knowledge for the children under my care." – Rosie Baataoui

Defining Your Philosophy

Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

III. The Daily Program For Children

A. The family child care home has a clear philosophy and goals concerning the care and education of children.

1. The provider gives parents a written statement of the philosophy for the family child care home.



The Basics

What is a program philosophy? A program philosophy is an educational framework that guides what you do in your program. It is a set of beliefs, goals, and values about child development that informs everything from daily routines to guidance practices. A written philosophy defines the program's objective and mission and articulates its influence on children's development. The set of teaching beliefs lead the "how" of children's learning. Although all child care professionals share a common goal of nurturing children's potential, how each program achieves that goal is unique to the program's philosophy.

Why is it important? A written philosophy provides transparency and clear expectations for families, helping decide whether a family will be a good fit for a program. Having clear direction for supporting children's development is also a predictor of high-quality practice. In one study, a provider's degree of intentionality was one predictor of quality in family child care. *Intentionality* includes (1) being intentional in planning experiences for the children and (2) having a child-related motivation for engaging in the work. A program's philosophy should also be referenced and compared to current practice, allowing for adjustments to either, as a form of ongoing quality improvement.

How do I write my program's philosophy? Begin by asking yourself three basic questions:

1. How do children learn?
2. What do children need to learn?
3. What should children learn?

Answers to these questions should inform answers to questions regarding selecting the daily routine, planning activities, determining guidance techniques, understanding the role of the educator, setting up the environment, choosing materials, and so forth. Although some programs adhere to a specific curriculum philosophy (e.g., Montessori, Waldorf, Reggio Emilia, AnjiPlay, etc.), many take an eclectic approach, combining elements of different philosophies to create one unique to the program. See the I want to learn more section below for examples of written philosophy statements.

Defining Your Philosophy (cont.)

I want to learn more!

- [Creating Your Brand \(Mission and Philosophy Statement\)](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Program: Developing Your Philosophy and Policies](#)
- [Sample Educational Philosophy Statement](#)
- [Predictors of Quality in Family Child Care](#)



This resource is available to you through Satellite Family Child Care System, a YoungStar Connect Partner.

February Professional Development



Exploring Quality in Family Child Care: Child-directed Play

This course will explore the importance of child-directed play in early childhood settings. Participants will learn what child-directed play looks like, why it is important for children's development, and how it can be implemented in family child care programs.

February 13, 1 – 2 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

1 Registry credit

[Register here](#) (by 2/9)



What to Do With Baby? Supporting Infants With Age-Appropriate Activities

This course will help family child care providers have a deeper understanding on how to connect and teach infants in their programs. Participants will learn brain development and milestones that occur for infants ages 0-12 months. They will also learn age-appropriate activities that help meet the needs of infants in different areas of development.

February 19, 6 – 7 PM 1001 W Kennedy Ave, Kimberly, WI 54136

English

1 Registry credit

[Register here](#) (by 2/16)



Nurturing Children's Imagination: Waldorf in Family Child Care

This course will introduce Waldorf Education as a method of guiding curriculum practices in family child care. Participants will learn how Waldorf's holistic, play-based principles contribute to children's imagination and creative expression. This course will outline how to incorporate the core practices of music, handwork, storytelling, and art, throughout the day. The course will focus on how this curriculum approach can be implemented in a family child care program. *Special guest presenter Vicki Kingsbury.*

February 21, 6 – 8 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

2 Registry credits

[Register here](#) (by 2/19)

Satellite Professional Learning Calendar 2023 – 2024


Evening Professional Learning Opportunities

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
Curriculum Philosophy Series						
February 21	6-8 pm	Nurturing Children's Imagination: Waldorf in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 2/19/24	2	E, Sp
March 20	6-8 pm	Building Children's Independence: Montessori in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 3/18/24	2	E, Sp
April 17	6-8 pm	Children as Naturalists: Forest School in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 4/15/24	2	E, Sp
May 15	6-8 pm	Children as the Co-Constructors of Their Own Learning: Emergent Curriculum in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 5/13/24	2	E, Sp
June 26	6-8 pm	Fostering True Play in Your Program: AnjiPlay in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 6/24/24	2	E, Sp
July 17	6-8 pm	Nurturing Children's Imagination: Waldorf in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 7/15/24	2	E, Sp
August 14	6-8 pm	Building Children's Independence: Montessori in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 8/12/24	2	E, Sp
September 11	6-8 pm	Children as Naturalists: Forest School in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 9/9/24	2	E, Sp

Single Training Sessions

February 19	6-7 pm	What to Do With Baby? Supporting Infants With Age-Appropriate Activities	Kimberly, WI	Register here! by 2/16/24	1	E
October 9	6-8 pm	Making it work – incorporating rich art experiences into a mixed age setting in your family child care program	Zoom	Register here! by 10/7/24	2	E, Sp
November 13	6-8 pm	Nature based programming during the winter – indoors and out in your family child care program	Zoom	Register here! by 11/11/24	2	E, Sp
December 11	6-8 pm	Pleasant children's transitions between daily activities in your family child care program, including the wisdom and examples from Satellite programs	Zoom	Register here! by 12/9/24	2	E, Sp

Exploring Quality in Family Child Care


Dates	Time	Topic	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
February 13	1-2 pm	Child-directed Play	Zoom	Register here! by 2/9/2024	1	E, Sp
March 5	1-2 pm	Background Noise	Zoom	Register here! by 3/1/24	1	E, Sp
April 9	1-2 pm	Visual Clutter	Zoom	Register here! by 4/5/24	1	E, Sp
May 7	1-2 pm	Requiring Apologies	Zoom	Register here! by 5/3/24	1	E, Sp

Satellite Professional Learning Calendar 2023 – 2024 (Cont.)


Guided Book Studies (*English only*)

Dates	Time	Book	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
January 11 – February 29	1-2 pm	Lisa Murphy on Play: The Foundation of Children’s Learning	Zoom	Closed	16	E
March 7 – April 25	1-2 pm	Lisa Murphy on Play: The Foundation of Children’s Learning	Zoom	Register here! by 2/8/24	16	E
July 11 – August 29	1-2 pm	Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder	Zoom	Register here! by 6/13/24	16	E

Saturday Events

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
September 28	9-5 pm	Safety Saturday (Only for programs participating in Satellite’s accreditation system)	Satellite Office	Coming soon	7	E, Sp

Key

	Language	E English	Sp Spanish
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Obtaining Registry Credit* for Satellite’s Virtual (Zoom) Professional Development Sessions

To receive Registry credit at the conclusion of virtual (Zoom) professional development, follow these steps:

1. Each participant must register individually even if viewing the training with other participants on the same screen.
2. You must be present for the entire session. Late arrivals may not be admitted.
3. At the conclusion of the session, you complete an evaluation and then enter your information to receive Registry credit. This must be completed at the end of the session or your professional development hours will not be entered into the Registry by Satellite Family Child Care System. **

You can view and print your proof of attendance through your [Wisconsin Registry](#) account. It may take several weeks before your attendance is entered into the Registry. Certificates of completion will not be mailed or emailed to participants.

**If you do not complete the steps above and wish to receive professional development credit for a Satellite event that you attended, you will need to complete the DCF form “Continuing Education Record—Independent Reading/Video Viewing “ found here: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/ccformspubs>

LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

Satellite members have full access to Satellite's equipment and curriculum units. Check the link below regularly to view our full lending options. When you sign up for equipment and units, your consultant will inform you of whether the item is available immediately or if you're on the waitlist.

Pick-up and drop-off of equipment and units occurs during consultant visits to your program. Additional exchanges of equipment and units may occur at the Satellite office. Communicate with your accreditation consultant to determine a day and time when Satellite staff are present.

Satellite Equipment, Units and Book Loans

Triple Stroller



Toddler Cubbies



Conveyor



LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

New & Updated Curriculum Units

[Link to Unit and Equipment List](#)

The 5 Senses



Music and
Movement for
Infants and Toddlers



Music and
Movement for All



LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

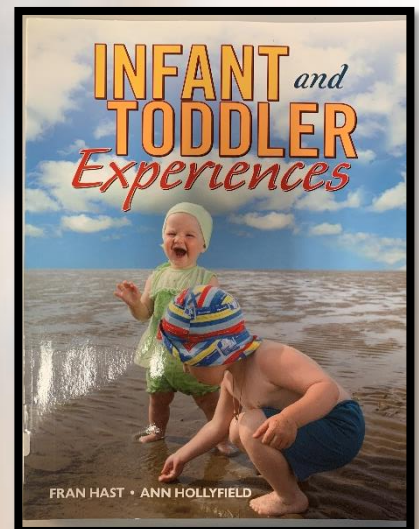
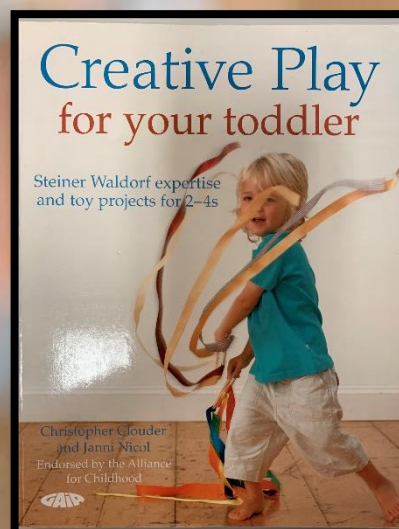
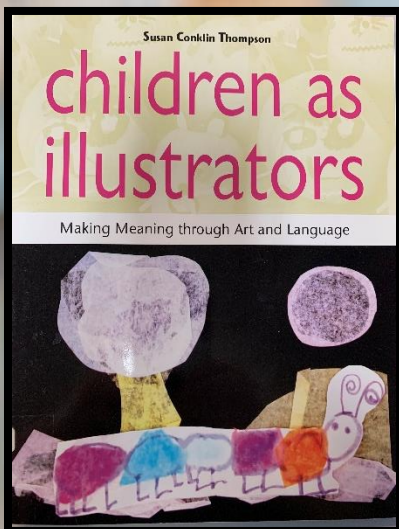
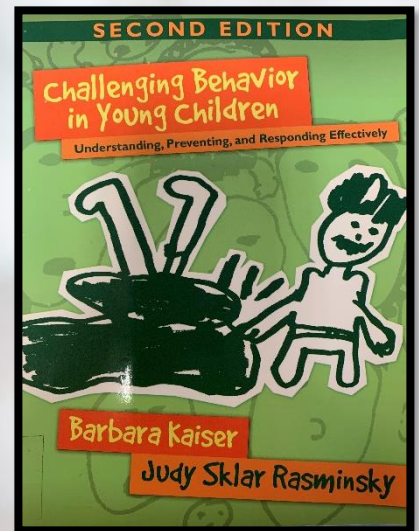
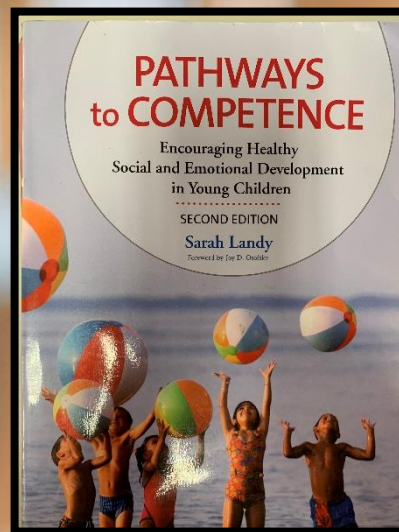
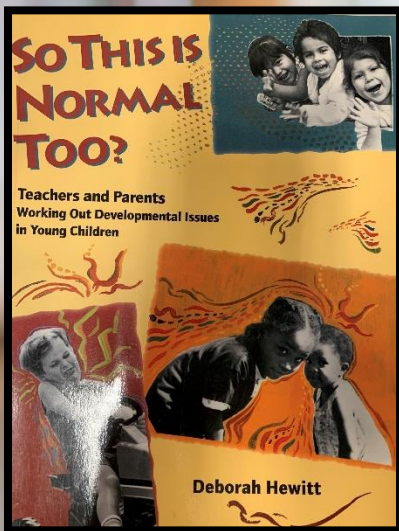
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR RESOURCE LIBRARY

100+ books

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Satellite Equipment, Units and Book Loans

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2024 WFCCA Conference

May 2-4, 2024

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

RAISING HAPPINESS

Beth Cannon
"Happy Kids,
Happy Parents"



Dr. McGhee
"Lighten Up! Humor
is FUNdamental"

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/2024WFCCA>

Hotel Info: Chula Vista Junior Suite

\$119 Thursday/Friday, \$139 Saturday

Call 1-888-947-0563. Code H82669


Special price ends 3/31/24.



Extreme Cold and Winter Storms

For Your Home

- **Stock a home emergency kit.** Your home kit should include items such as food and water, cell phone and charger, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, important medications, a weather radio, and a change of clothes. Visit [Ready Wisconsin](#) for more items and tips.
- **Prevent frozen pipes.** The [Red Cross](#) has tips for preventing and thawing frozen pipes.
- **Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors.** All homes and duplexes in Wisconsin are required to have properly working detectors on every level, including the basement, but not the attic or storage areas. Detectors can be purchased at most hardware stores or online for \$20-50.
- **Never run a gasoline or propane heater or a grill (gas or charcoal) inside your home or garage.** Any heating system that burns fuel produces carbon monoxide. Use a battery-powered detector where you have fuel burning devices but no electric outlets, such as in tents, cabins, and RVs.
- **Run generators at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home.** Never run a generator in the home or garage, or right next to windows or doors.
- **Remove snow safely.** Wear sturdy, rubber-soled boots to help prevent slips and falls. To prevent injuries while shoveling, try pushing the snow with short strokes instead of lifting it. Also, use your leg muscles and not your lower back to move the shovel. Take frequent breaks to warm up inside and rest your muscles.

A large red octagonal graphic with a thick border, containing the text "Satellite's Home Safety Checklist" in red, underlined font.

Satellite's
Home Safety
Checklist

Professional Resources

Satellite Services

- [Mentor Program](#)
- [Satellite new member application](#)
- [Resource loans—equipment, curriculum units, & resource books](#)



Wisconsin

- [T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program](#)
- [REWARD Stipend Program](#)
- [Wisconsin Early Childhood Shared Services Network \(WEESSN\)](#)
- [The Wisconsin Registry](#)
- [Child Care Forms and Publications \(Licensing\)](#)
- [YoungStar Connect](#)
- [Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation](#)



Professional Organizations focused only on Family Child Care

- [Wisconsin Family Child Care Association](#)
- [Home Grown](#)
- [National Association for Family Child Care](#)



The February Financial Wellness session is:

How to Build a Budget Your Way! Starting with the basics, you'll learn how to build a budget based on your income, set spending limits that you can live with and create a list of financial priorities that will help focus your spending and saving. Once you implement this helpful advice you will feel less financial stress and more confidence; then you will own your money instead of having your money own you.

Listen Anytime: [Replay here!](#)

(Use "Reach Dane" as the organization with whom you're affiliated)

OUR COMMUNITY

Join the Community

Satellite Family Child Care Circle



A virtual space for Satellite family child care providers to connect, learn, and share. This group is only for providers affiliated with Satellite Family Child Care System. We want this to be your space to share ideas, photos, activities, and more!

For more information, please contact:



Grace Eilers

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Noche Latina

A monthly event for Spanish speaking, Satellite affiliated family child care providers and their families held at Satellite's office. Noche Latina focuses on building a network of supportive relationships among Latina providers and their families. We also have a lot of fun!

For more information, please contact:



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OUR COMMUNITY

Satellite believes in the power of community. Consider attending a family child care provider-led group affiliated with Satellite. Participation in all support groups is a benefit of Satellite and completely voluntary.

Arcoiris

The purpose of the Arcoiris support group is to provide meetings with child care providers. The goal of the Arcoiris support group is to share resources with each provider who attends the meetings. There is no cost to the Arcoiris support group for providers who want to attend. Meetings are the third Friday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm. Meetings are usually at a Madison-area provider's home, but can also be at a restaurant, park, library, etc. For the meeting, each provider is invited to bring a dish, dessert, or drink to share. During the meeting, the food that has been provided is shared. Ideas, resources, situations are also shared and new providers who are attending the meeting are introduced. The Arcoiris support group maintains confidentiality inside and outside the meetings of all topics discussed. This group is conducted in Spanish.

For more information, please contact:



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Sojourn

Sojourn is a community of accredited family child care professionals who empower one another to reach their own unique potential through person connections, reflective process, and shared leadership. We strive for a balance between personal and professional issues in our discussions. We use a shared leadership model for Sojourn meetings which allows each member to grow and participate in various roles. Join Sojourn to build relationships with other professional child care providers, experience professional growth through group process responsibilities, and participate in discussion about family child care issues. This group is conducted in English and meets in the Madison area.

For more information, please contact:



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Watch the Town Square Tour:



Leadership Opportunity

Reach Dane is looking for new members to be part of the Board of Directors governance. Reach Dane is a 501c3 non-profit agency that provides early childhood care and comprehensive services to children ages 0-5 and their families in Dane and Green Counties. Services include Head Start and Early Head Start programming. Satellite Family Child Care System is a Reach Dane program that provides accreditation to in-home family child care programs statewide. Reach Dane Board of Directors meetings occur every other month for 1.5 hours and are held virtually. Board members provide guidance and oversight to the programming of the agency. If interested, please contact: Jen Bailey (Executive Director of Reach Dane) at jbailey@reachdane.org.

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Terri Lynn Alexander

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Satellite Advisory Committee

Satellite deeply values input from those within the family child care community.

At each Advisory Committee meeting, the facilitator presents information about Satellite's support services and/or accreditation and then asks committee members related open-ended questions. Committee members are encouraged to use their unique backgrounds, personal and professional roles, and experiences as they share their perceptions and ideas.

Satellite's facilitator actively listens with the goal of utilizing committee members' expertise and experiences to strengthen the Satellite Family Child Care System.



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CONFIDENTIALITY

Satellite staff keep confidential within Satellite your program's information that you share with your accreditation consultant, the Satellite director and associate director. This information is documented in records of contact that only Satellite's staff access. Satellite's team works together, harnessing our collective skills and knowledge to support your program.

Need assistance? Contact us so we can help!

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*Label mailed and dropped off items with "attention:
Satellite" & and the Satellite staff person's name*

SATELLITE'S PARTNERS

Thank you to our partners for helping us provide these services at no cost to participants:

