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Satellite Family Child Care System

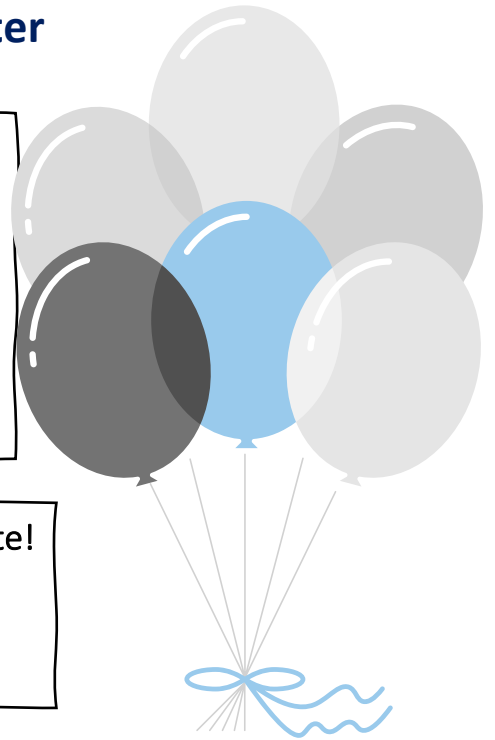
**June/July 2023 Newsletter**

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

Lilibeth Alvarez – Pequeland Bilingual Childcare

Tiara Anthony – Reaching for the Stars

Valerie Johnson – Tiny Treasures



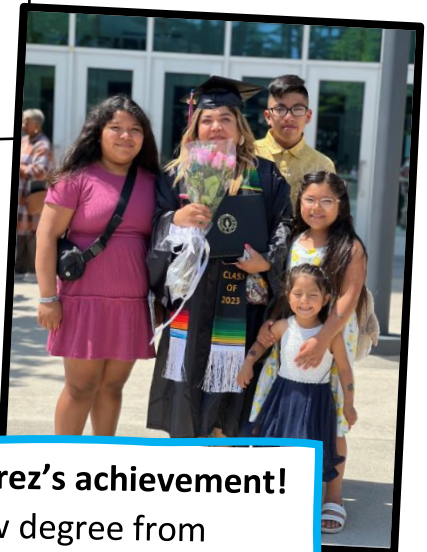
**Congratulations on moving to Associate level with Satellite!**

Alisha Valentine – lead educator at Sarah Tuttle’s Bright Beginnings Day School 6

**Congratulations on your Reaccreditation!**

Emma Frazier – lead educator at Sarah Tuttle’s Bright Beginnings Day School 4

Margarita Ugalde – Anthony’s Bilingual Preschool



**Celebrating Lilibeth Alvarez’s achievement!**

She has earned the follow degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College:

Early Childhood Education-Bilingual AAS  
Community & Human Services

## Process Art

### Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

I. Art and other self-expression activities are open-ended and child-directed.

1. The provider doesn't expect children's products to all look the same.



Images from [Projects with Kids](#)

### The Basics

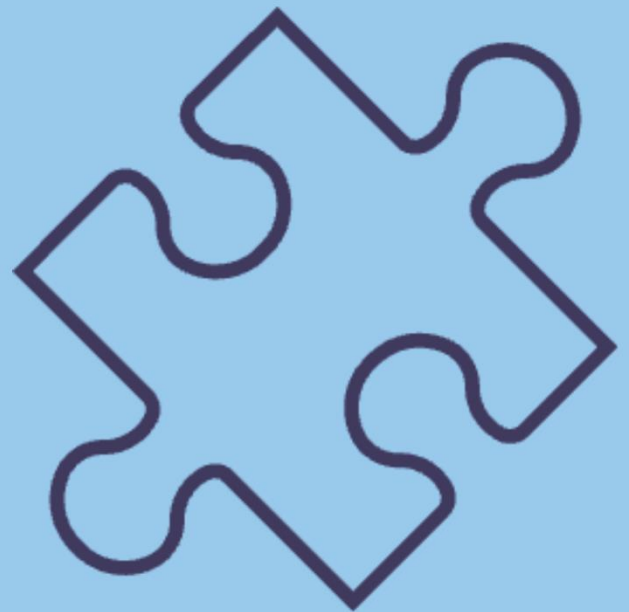
**What is process art?** Process art, also called open-ended art, is art that emphasizes the material, technique, and experience of art creation rather than the finished product. A provider who encourages this allows children to express their creativity through process art, acknowledging that the creative process of making the art is more valuable to children's development than the end product.

**Why is it best?** Process art builds the small muscles in a child's hand (also known as fine motor development). It strengthens independence, grows self-esteem, and builds foundational learning skills. The freedom of choice in creative expression builds brain development through problem solving, planning, and experimenting with color, texture, and shape. Open-ended art also prompts valuable conversations that contribute to language and social-emotional development. Asking questions like, "What did you draw?" or making objective observations like, "Look at all the colors you used," let children know that you are interested in them as individuals and learners.

### I want to learn more!

- [Process or Product? The Argument for Aesthetic Exploration in the Early Years](#)
- [The Value of Documenting Process Art](#)
- [A Scribble is Never Just a Scribble: Art, Story, and Process](#)
- [The Benefits of Incorporating the Arts](#)

# AUTISM SERIES



July 19

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
2 Registry credits

The Autistic Brain and  
Sensory Processing Disorder  
with guest speaker Gretchen Becker Crabb

[REGISTER HERE](#)

August 9

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
1.5 Registry credit

Caring for Children with  
Autism

with a guest panel of experts

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Location

REACH DANE – SOUTH MADISON  
3201 LATHAM DR  
MADISON, WI

or ZOOM

*IN ENGLISH WITH  
SPANISH TRANSLATION*

# PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT



**1.5 REGISTRY CREDIT  
IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

**Wednesday, September 13th  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Zoom**

*Understanding available plan options  
Recognizing importance of saving early  
Comprehending risk assessment*

# LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER



Provider  
Appreciation  
May 10<sup>th</sup>



## Satellite Professional Learning Calendar 2023

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*
July 19	6-8:30 p.m.	The Autistic Brain and Sensory Processing; Dinner at 6	Reach Dane South Madison	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	2
August 9	6-8 p.m.	Caring for Children with Autism; Dinner at 6	Reach Dane South Madison	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	1.5
September 13	6-7:30 p.m.	Business Practice: Retirement Planning	Zoom	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	1.5
October 4	6-8:30 p.m.	Parade of Homes; Followed by resource event & dessert bar	Bus tour, Satellite office	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	2
November 4	9-5 p.m.	Safety Saturday	Satellite Office	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	8
November 15	6-7:30 p.m.	Family Child Care and Emergent Curriculum	Zoom	<a href="#">Register here!</a>	1.5

### 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/clicensing/ccformspubs>



JOIN THE NEW GROUP!

## [Satellite Family Child Care Circle](#)

A 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.



**CORRECTION!** Karla Gonzalez and Nestor Garcia -- Tesoritos



## Do you have information to share with our community?

Submissions of the following are welcome:

- Photos and video of your program or an activity (be certain you have photo release forms on file)
- Program news
- Events connected with your program
- Celebration of educational milestones, like the completion of a degree or credential
- Awards received

Submit items for the newsletter to Laura Simkin: [lsimkin@reachdane.org](mailto:lsimkin@reachdane.org)

*Submissions may be edited and/or adjusted for length.*

# LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

## LOAN EQUIPMENT AND CURRICULUM UNITS

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](#)

Browser Box



Rocking Boat and Steps



Soft Toddler Steps and Climbing Set



Climber – Toddler



Light Table – Table Top

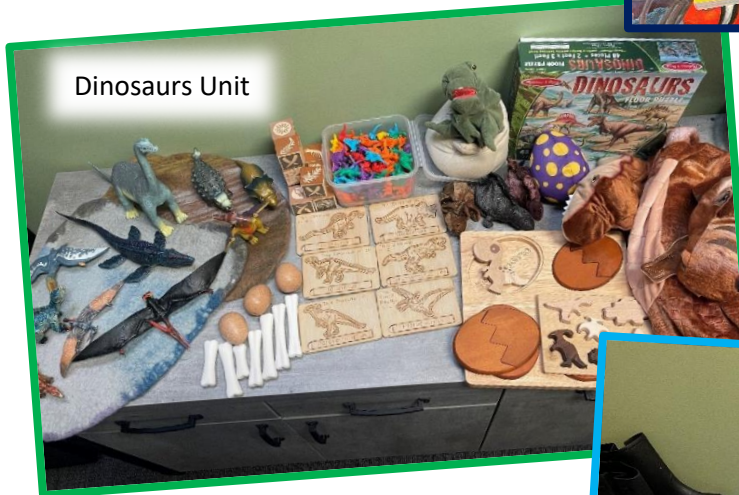
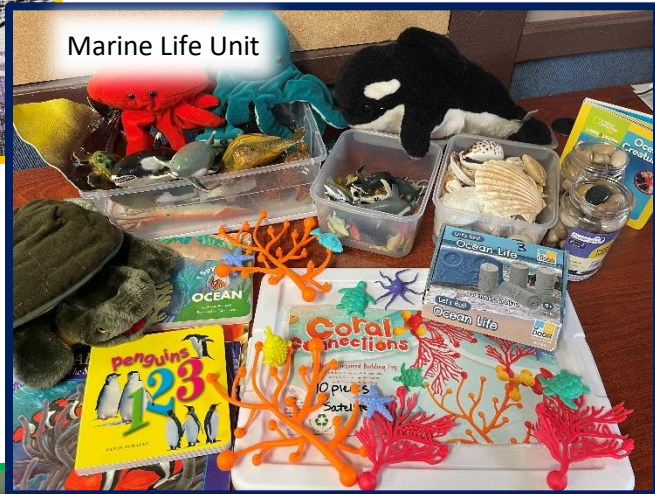




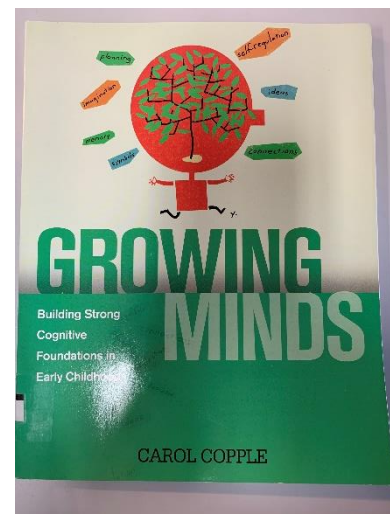
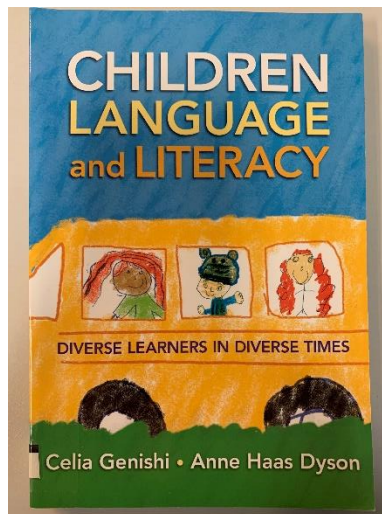
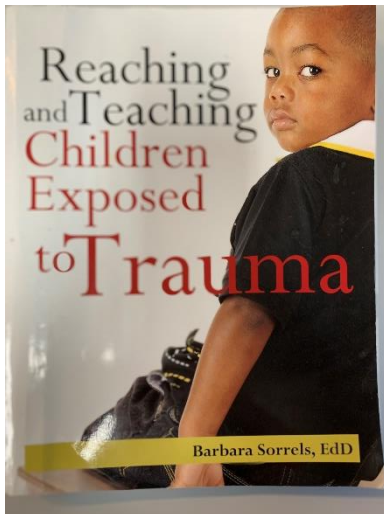
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## NEW & UPDATED CURRICULUM UNITS

[Link to Unit and Equipment List](#)



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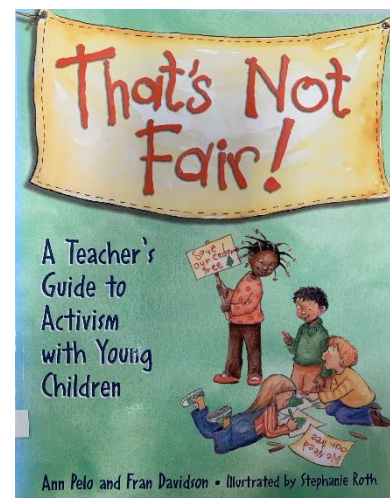
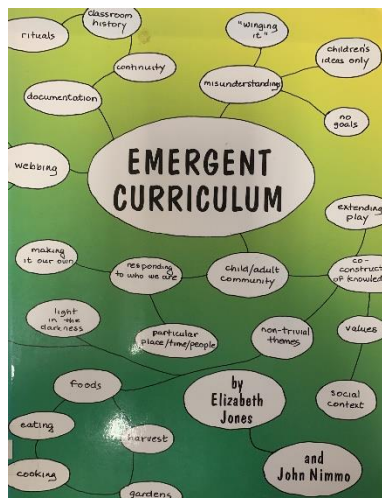
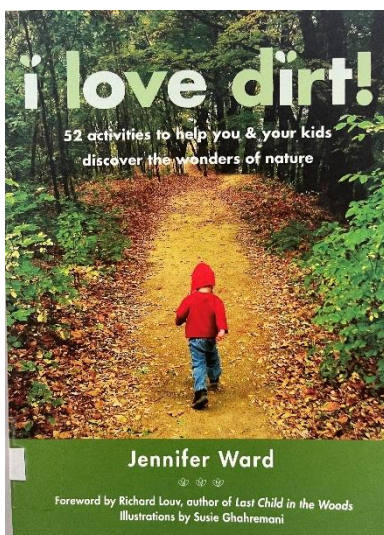
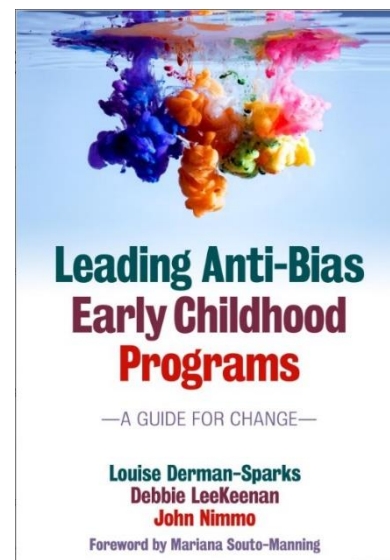
## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR RESOURCE LIBRARY

100+ books

Satellite members have full access to Satellite's early childhood educator resource books. Check the link below to view our full lending options.

### Satellite Equipment, Units and Book Loans

When you choose a book, your consultant will inform you of whether the item is available immediately or if you're on the waiting list.



# FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD COURSES

CONTINUED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING THROUGH THE WISCONSIN WORKFORCE INNOVATION GRANT ALLOWS THE FOLLOWING COURSES TO BE OFFERED FOR

**FREE** FALL SEMESTER OF 2023

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- > BASIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
- > INFANT TODDLER CERTIFICATE
- > PRESCHOOL
- > CHILD CARE SERVICES
- > EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## LIST OF FREE COURSES

- > #31260 Health, Safety & Nutrition (Online/English)
- > #31237 Health, Safety & Nutrition (In-Person/English)
- > #31434 Health, Safety & Nutrition (Online/Bilingual)
- > #31110 Introductory Practicum\* (Online Discussion/English)
- > #31238 Introductory Practicum\* (In-Person Discussion/English)
- > #31433 Family & Community (In-Person/English)
- > #31236 Infant Toddler Development (Online/English)
- > #31262 Infant Toddler Development (In-Person/English)
- > #31768 Infant Toddler Development (Online/Bilingual)
- > #31244 Social Studies, Art & Music (Online/English)
- > #30873 Child Development (Online/English)
- > #33694 Health Safety and Nutrition (Online Live Watertown)
- > #33695 Social Studies, Art & Music (Online Live Watertown)

\*Scholarships for Intro to Practicum (31110 & 31238) are only available for ECE students finishing the Basic Early Childhood Educator Program. This course will no longer be required as part of the Basic Early Childhood Educator for students who started the program Fall 2023

FILL OUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FORM



This project is being supported in part by federal award number SLFRP0135 awarded to Madison College via the Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant Program by the U.S. Department of the Treasury

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# Safety Saturday

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November 4th, 2023

4709 Verona Rd  
Madison, WI 57311

From 9 AM to 5 PM



June 2, 2023

In case you missed it, we released our updated Interim Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs. Here is a quick look at what we updated:

- Addressed the end of the Public Health Emergency
- Removed references to CDC's discontinued COVID-19 Community Levels
- Added new methods of contact for assistance with COVID-19 mitigation
- Removed recommendation for screening testing
- Updated Responding to a COVID-19 Case at the Facility based on change in reporting requirements.

## [Read Update Guidance](#)

We now have the guidance translated in Spanish, beginning on page 12 of the linked document.

**weca** Wisconsin Early  
Childhood Association

[Early Childhood Workforce Support and Resources](#)

 **Raising  
Wisconsin**

[Wisconsin State Budget Advocacy](#)



**PBS Wisconsin Video:** Child Care Partnership Director Renee Ernsting describes the struggles of parents to afford child care and the hurdles providers face with staffing shortages in western Wisconsin and around the state.

# YOUR BUSINESS – YOUR FINANCES

## 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 \(WEESN\)](#)
- [The Wisconsin Registry](#)
- [Educator Assistance Program](#)
- [Child Care Forms and Publications \(Licensing\)](#)

### Professional Organizations focused only on Family Child Care

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



## The July Financial Wellness session is:

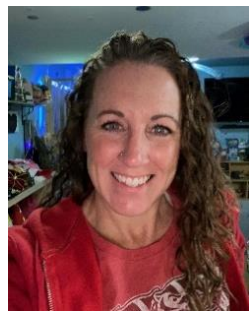
**Investment Basics!** In this session, we'll discuss the education and motivation inexperienced investors need to put their finances in order and start saving for the future. It helps participants with basic information on the fundamentals they need to begin investing for financial success, explains how market cycles are a normal aspect of investing, and gives guidance and strategies to avoid making mistakes when dealing with frequent portfolio shifts.

Live Session: 07/12/2023 @ 8:30 AM [Link to Register!](#)

Live Session: 07/19/2023 @ 11:30 AM [Link to Register!](#)

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

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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 the Satellite manager. 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:  
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