



### Celebrating Together

Maria Laura Osorio Jasso has added the Dual Language Learner Credential to her impressive list of early childhood credentials. We know that was hard work and commend you for your desire to continue to always learn more!



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

Maura Torres Herrera—Pasitos Kaymara Daycare  
Sarah Tuttle—Bright Beginnings Day School #6  
Jana Matuch--Matush Family Daycare  
Jillynn Niemeier—Blue Door Daycare  
Sarah Cohen—Sarah’s Littles

Hello! My name is Jen Jorgensen and I'm very excited to join the Satellite team as a consultant. I graduated from UW Madison with a Child Development and Family Studies degree and I've been working in the field of early childhood education and family support for the past 15+ years in Madison at Head Start and other area non-profits. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful family care providers and supporting them as they care for our next generation. I'm honored to join such meaningful work. ❤️ In my free time, I enjoy being in nature, cooking and pickleball. I have two girls 12y and 10y and here's a picture of us enjoying the summer sun!



**Congratulations on your reaccreditation**—Kim Garrett of Magnolia Family Child Care. Kim's participated in Satellite since 2008. We're so glad you're a part of the Satellite community, Kim!



# LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER



Latino Provider Night  
March 15



Curriculum in Action  
Training  
February 15



## SPOTLIGHT ON

Corrine Hendrickson  
Corrine's Little Explorers  
New Glarus, WI

*Upward Green Participant  
Onboarding as a new Satellite Provider*



Corrine's Little Explorers Family Child Care started in 2007 with three infants and my own 10-month son. Over the years I have evolved from a more teacher-centric structured play environment to a truly play based, child led, teacher supported program that spends most of our time outside from March-December (bugs kept the kids from napping outside last summer!). I have thoroughly enjoyed learning and evolving to continuously continue to do better at meeting the children's needs.

I am currently working on my Master's certificate through UW-Madison's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Capstone which fits seamlessly with the advocacy work I do to increase supports for inclusion of children with special needs in child care and raising our wages and increasing the respect for those of us who work so hard to support the children and their families in our care and communities.

The next step of my journey is to become accredited and I am excited to start the process!



## WISCONSIN EXAMINER

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT WORK & THE ECONOMY

### Wisconsin child care provider tells Congressional panel how government can help small business

Testimony pushes back at a hearing framed to favor tax cuts and deregulation

BY: CHRISTINA LIEFFRING - MARCH 1, 2023 7:00 AM



From Nothing to Something: The Story of the American Dream - House Committee on Small Business



[Read the full article about Corrine's testimony at the US capitol here](#)

[Video of the hearing, including Corrine's testimony](#)

# LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER



## SPOTLIGHT ON

Chris Torres

Learn N Play Family Child Care

Fitchburg, WI

*Accredited Satellite Provider*



Hi, My name is Chris Torres and I have been providing care at Learn N Play Family Child Care for almost 38 years. I have been state licensed and Satellite accredited for most of that time. I love working with the families and have most children begin as infants and stay with the program until they are school age. I live in a neighborhood that is within walking distance to many field trip destinations including the splash pad, Kid's Crossing, library and Fitchburg Farmer's Market so that we are a part of the bigger local community.

Our program is child led and provider supported to meet the changing interests of the children and finding ways to enrich their learning. I am currently enrolled in the Inclusion Credential through Madison College - it has been challenging and rewarding for me. I would recommend to anyone to consider taking one of the credential programs.

When I am not busy playing with the children I enjoy visiting and spending time with my 5 grandchildren (soon to be 6!). I also enjoy spending time at my camper. One thing that you may not know about me is that I try to find something each year that is a challenge for me and takes me out of my comfort zone. Last summer I decided to train for and then complete a sprint marathon - lots of hard work but very satisfying.



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Hello, my name is Anastasia Rodriguez. I am from Veracruz, Mexico.

I been accredited by Satellite since 2010. My program is called El Principito Family Daycare LLC. The reason I focused on the childcare profession was because my two daughters were little, and I also love children.

And, as a reflection of the Little Principito, (a famous book in Mexico) the child represents that we all carry inside and the feelings of love, hope and innocence that feed our lives.



Since I began my childcare, I have worked with small groups. I focus to better care for them so that my children feel happy. I have a connection to learning at an early age when they are exploring their environment.



Families are very important. When we know their customs and traditions, we can share ideas for their children, and they feel confident and have a positive relationship.

We have a treasure chest where we can trust some puppets that can be favorites for each child. Sometimes they need a hug for a little friend who feels alone, they can ask our green treasure chest for help or company because color green is hope is life.



<https://www.rootedwi.org/rootsintheground/>

## 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.*

## Professional Resources

Satellite Services

[Mentor Program](#)

[Satellite new member application](#)

[Resource loans—equipment, curriculum units, & resource books](#)

Dane County

[Public Health Madison & Dane County](#)

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 \(Licensing\)](#)

## 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



Toddler Flexible  
play table



Reflection  
House

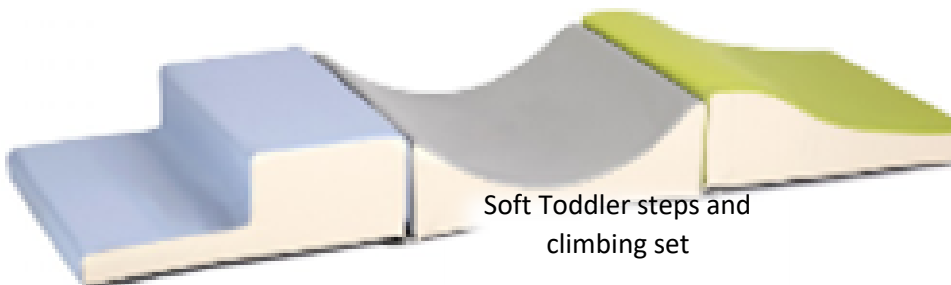
### NEW LOAN EQUIPMENT



Weaving  
Loom



Pottery  
Wheel



Soft Toddler steps and  
climbing set



Thin child cubby for  
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# LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER



Construction Workers



Music for Infants and Toddlers



Instruments from Around the World

NEW and UPDATED CURRICULUM UNITS  
[Link to Unit and Equipment List](#)



Music and Movement for All



Grocery Store



Farm for Toddlers



## 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.

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## Autism Focused Intervention Resources & Modules

AFIRM is a self-paced PD option for teachers who want to learn more about autism interventions. It is a free resource from University of North Carolina.

They have a number of different topics including toddler instruction, paraprofessional training, and introduction to autism

<https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/afirm-modules>



## Career Development Counseling

Where are you headed? Let us help you navigate your career journey. WECA Career Development Counseling is a free one-on-one service for English and Spanish speakers dedicated to helping you determine your career path in the world of early care and education.

To learn more about this service, visit [our website](#). If you'd like to start the career development process, [download and fill out our onboarding form](#) and email it to [CareerDevelopment@wisconsinearlychildhood.org](mailto:CareerDevelopment@wisconsinearlychildhood.org).

## **G** HOME GROWN

Home-based child care provider will likely have questions about how to prepare for the upcoming tax season. This tax workbook was created and updated to provide timely guidance on how to navigate tax preparation. It is designed to simplify the process of completing the 2022 taxes and alleviating some of the stress by providing step-by-step guidance. Using this workbook, providers can have their taxes prepared by a professional\* or complete them using online software. Information is included here to help get started.

**[Download the 2022 Tax Workbook \(English\)](#)**

**[Descargue el Libro de Trabajo de Impuestos 2022 \(Español\)](#)**

The April Financial Wellness session is: **Retirement Basics**. We are offering two session times for this topic that has been highly requested!

Creating a retirement roadmap and starting to save for retirement early is important! Learn how to “crunch the numbers” by estimating your retirement expenses and income, while factoring in inflation and taxes to calculate the cost of retirement. We will share how to identify potential sources of retirement income, how to use tax-advantaged savings vehicles, and how to evaluate personal savings and investment strategies to meet your financial goals in retirement.

04/12 @ 8:30am - [Register Here!](#) (Registrar Aquí)

04/19 @ 11:30am - [Register Here!](#) (Registrar Aquí)

*\*Use “Reach Dane” as the organization when you register*

## WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE



Wisconsin Department of  
Children and Families

Division of Early Care and Education

### DCF 250

#### LICENSING RULES FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE CENTERS With Commentary

#### 250.04(8)

(8) REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

(b) The licensee shall document that each provider and substitute has received training at least every 2 years in all of the following:

1. Child abuse and neglect laws.
2. How to identify children who have been abused or neglected.
3. The procedure for ensuring that all known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect are immediately reported to the proper authorities.

Beginning on 1/1/2023, the department will no longer accept a review of the brochure "It Shouldn't Hurt to Be a Child" to meet this requirement. The Department's online training, "Mandated Reporter Online Training," may be used to meet this requirement. "Strengthening Families" or "Darkness to Light" (also known as Stewards of Children) training may also be used to meet this requirement. Training may also be obtained from local child protective services, law enforcement, or other agencies that provide continuing education experiences. Training may be counted as continuing education. The Department-approved, entry-level course called Introduction to the Child Care Profession contains training in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect and may be used to meet the requirement for 2 years after the completion date of the course.



Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System

**Mandated Reporter Online Training**

[DCF Online Training for Mandated Reporters--  
Here--Available in English only](#)

# SATELLITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

## 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!