



Satellite Family Child Care System
April-May 2023 Newsletter



Congratulations on your first Accreditation!

Karla Gonzales and Raphael Monteblanco -- Tesoritos



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

- Chelsea Andrews-- Little Learners Daycare
- Corrine Hendrickson- Corrine's Little Explorers
- Ashley Dobson-- Dobson's Daycare
- Sarah Fleming-- Growing Hands Family Child Care
- Vickie Krueger-- Minds in Motion
- Celeste Swoboda-- Teddy Bear Totland
- Tara Ebben-- Tikes and Tots Family Child Care
- Rosie Baataoui-- Kid's Zone Family Childcare
- Amy Nogar-- Amy & Kids Co. Nature Preschool



Congratulations on moving to Associate level with Satellite!

Elena Flores Capetillo-- Little Sunshine Bilingual Family Childcare
Sarah Cohan—Sarah's Littles



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Congratulations on your reaccreditations!

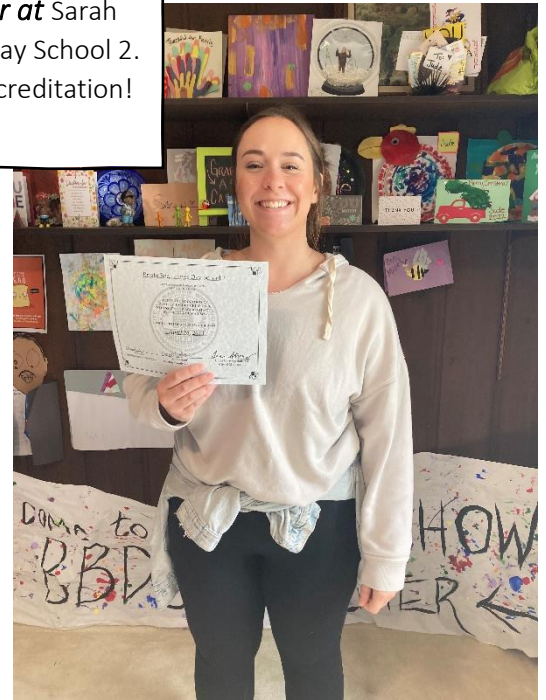
Alba Santibanez and Cesar Labrador -Chiquitines Family Day Care. Alba has participated in Satellite since 2002.



Silvia Ahiquele- Ortega and Néstor Ortega - Rinconcito de Luz

Silvia has participated in Satellite since 2002.

Jess Boos, lead educator at Sarah Tuttle's Bright Beginnings Day School 2. Jess's first time through accreditation!



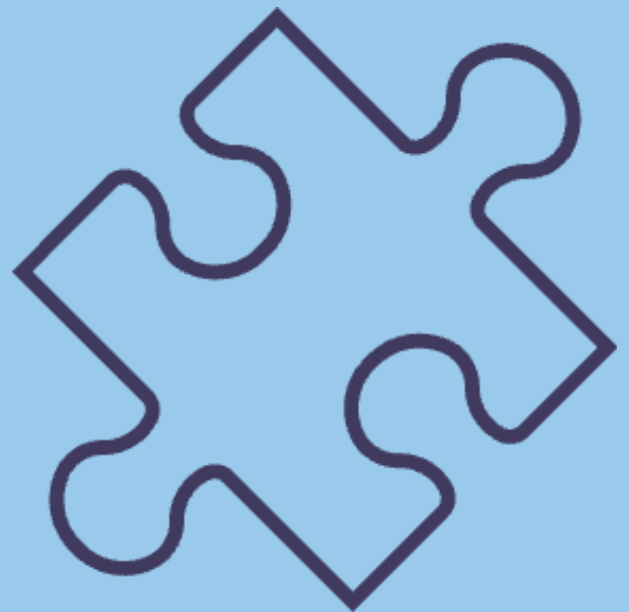
Sina Rassam Haghghi--Corner Garden Preschool, with Satellite since 2005.

Chris Torres-- Learn N Play Family Child Care, participating in Satellite since 1990. (WOW!)

Nora Jimenez- New Era Learning Care. Sisters Nora and Heidy have participated in Satellite since 2018.



AUTISM SERIES



June 15

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

1.5 Registry credit

An Introduction to Autism
with guest speaker Dr. Gail Chödrön

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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 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

SATELLITE OFFICE
4709 VERONA ROAD
MADISON, WI

*In English with
Spanish Translation*

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT



**1.5 REGISTRY CREDIT
IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

**Wednesday
Sept. 13
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Zoom**

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

reach  **DANE**

Satellite Family Child Care System

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Latino Provider
Night
March 15



Latino Provider
Night
March 15



Satellite Professional Learning Calendar 2023

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

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SPOTLIGHT ON

Valentina Aitken

Little Big Things

Madison, WI

Satellite Accredited Provider



'Little Big Things' is a cozy and homey family childcare program on the west side of Madison. Valentina is the owner and the childcare provider there. She's been in the field for 9 years and is currently pursuing a degree in Early childhood education.

At Little Big Things we believe in intentional play, quality interactions and the power of outdoors. Children are taught independence, how to be part of a group and are provided with the learning opportunities throughout all the WMEELS developmental domains to gain all the important pre-skills for later confidence and success at school.



**REGISTRATION NOW
OPEN**

24 JUNE, 2023

**CARING FOR CHILDREN -
CARING FOR OURSELVES**

**8:00 - 3:00
IN PERSON!
LUNCH
INCLUDED**



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The theme, *Caring for Children - Caring for Ourselves*, is a broad theme that aims to explore and support the emotional, social, nutritional, holistic, biological, physical, cognitive, and developmental wellbeing of our children, teachers, administrators, leaders, families, schools, daycares, childcares, and communities as a whole. Please join us in supporting the field of **Early Care and Education** by exploring these important topics

Register today!

**On the event page you will
learn more about each
session**

OR HERE



**MADISON COLLEGE
GOODMAN SOUTH CAMPUS**
2429 PERRY ST. MADISON, WI 53713
ETRONSON@MADISONCOLLEGE.EDU



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Greetings! My name is Grace Eilers, and I am the new Family Child Care Content Specialist for Satellite Family Child Care System.

I come into this role with a background in infant, toddler, and preschool early care and education, academic research, and mental health services. I earned a Master of Arts in child development from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities with a specialization in early childhood mental health. I have also been awarded the Infant Mental Health (IMH) Endorsement® for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice by the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health.

I am delighted to begin contributing to Satellite's mission of creating meaningful professional development opportunities to help support you in your work. I look forward to connecting with you!



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

Submissions may be edited and/or adjusted for length.

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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](#)



NEW:
Wagon for
4



Stove and
Sink



Small Table
and Chair
set



Sensory
Table



Toddler Ball
Run



NEW: Corner Shelves

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New:
Magnets for
Math



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

New:
Baking Unit



Wheels and
Axels



Engineering





Readers Questions Answered in Ask the Experts Video

You have questions, we have answers! Since taking over Tom Copeland’s Taking Care of Business blog last year, we’ve heard from a lot of you who have questions about the business of family child care. If you sent in a question (which you can do on the [Ask the Experts](#) page), you should have received an individual response.

What we've noticed is that a lot of these questions have common themes, so we thought it would be helpful for all of you to hear the answers to some of the questions that have been sent in. Watch the video to hear some of the most commonly-asked questions we get!



To read a transcript of this question-and-answer video, visit the blog post [here](#).

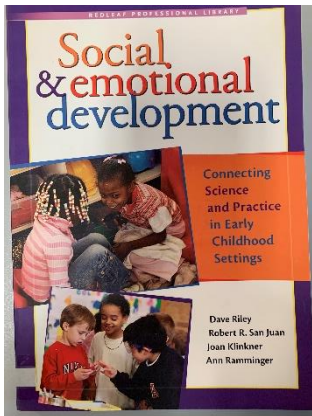
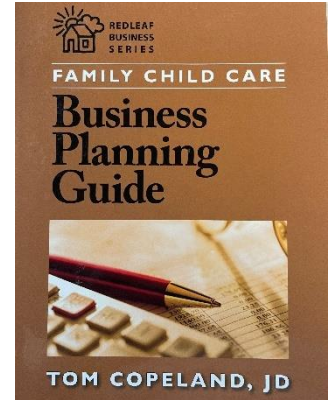
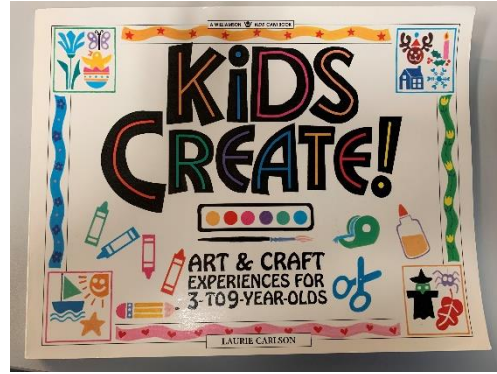
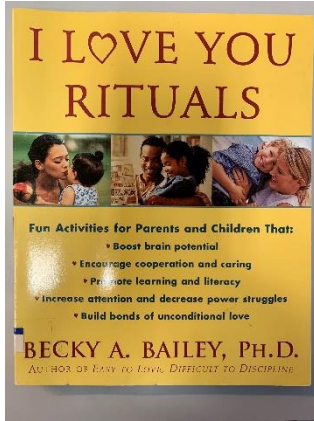
Retirement Plans: What You Need to Know

Putting money away for retirement is one of the best ways to prepare for your future — and if you own a child care business, it’s a great benefit to offer your employees. But setting up a retirement plan for yourself or for your employees can seem overwhelming and overly complicated.

Luckily, we are here to help! We have three new guides on retirement ready for you.

- [Why Have a Retirement Plan?](#)
- [How Do I Choose the Right Retirement Plan?](#)
- [How Can I Maximize My Retirement Savings?](#)

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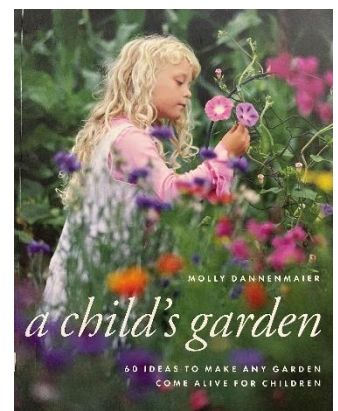
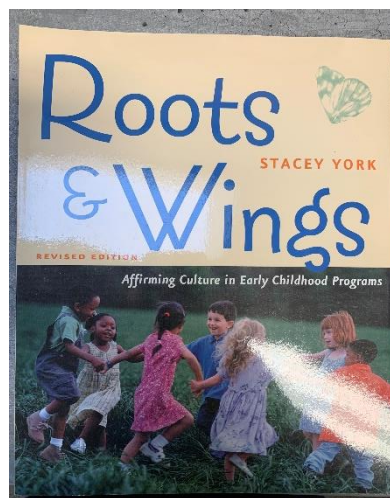
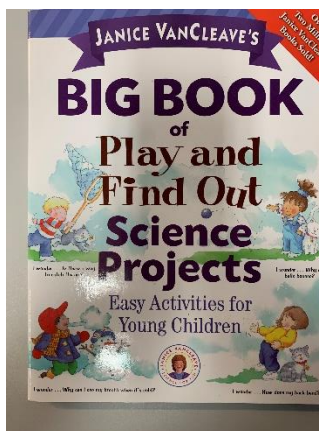
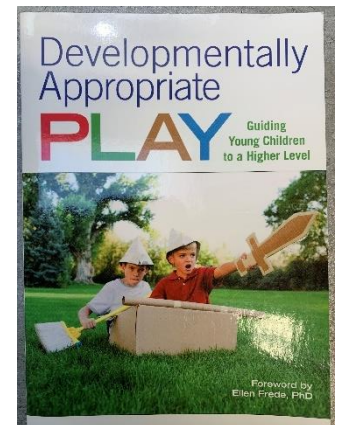
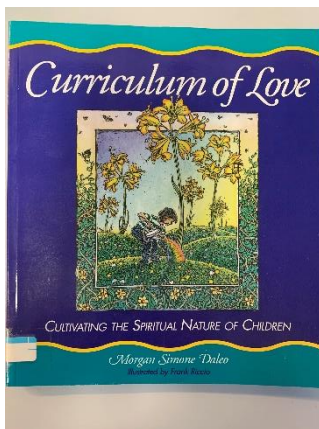
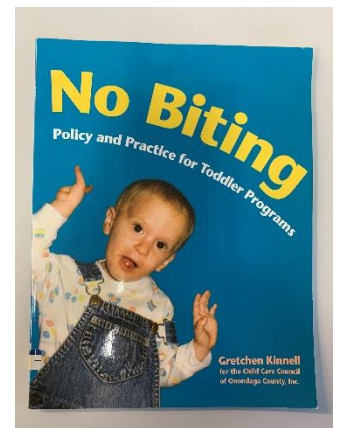
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
RESOURCE LIBRARY

100+ books

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Safety Saturday

November 4th, 2023

4709 Verona Rd
Madison, WI 57311

From 9 AM to 5 PM

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](#)



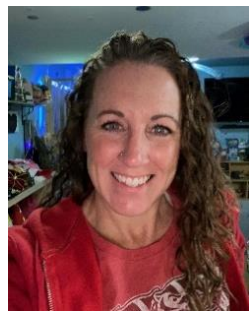
The May Financial Wellness session is:

We're excited to partner with **Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change** to offer an exclusive session, **Reduce Energy Consumption and Save Money**, that can help reduce energy consumption in your home while providing you more ways to save money in your monthly budget.

Live Session: 05/23/2023 @ 11:30am [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!

Satellite

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