



HISTORY

Satellite began in 1975 through the efforts of a group of family child care providers interested in offering quality care with the support of the City of Madison Day Care Unit. Satellite was given City Human Resources funds with the recognition that providing quality child care was an investment in the future of the community.

ACCREDITATION

Satellite is an accrediting agency for family child care programs in Wisconsin. Satellite's family child care programs make a commitment to become Accredited and offer quality care and education at higher standards than State Licensing or County Certification requirements. With each unique family child care program, the Accreditation process promotes optimal development of the child physically, intellectually, verbally, creatively, emotionally and socially. Through the accreditation process, Satellite provides extensive ongoing support to family child care programs.

Accreditation services are offered at no cost to family child care programs. Satellite regularly partners with other early childhood organizations to provide services for our programs. Satellite is currently funded through the City of Madison, University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Child Care and Family Resources, Shine Early Learning, and Reach Dane.

A PROGRAM OF REACH DANE

In January 2000, Satellite merged with Reach Dane. Reach Dane is a community-based, non-profit umbrella agency for the delivery of a variety of child development and family support programming for young children and their families. Reach Dane serves over 1000 children in Dane and Green County through programs that include Head Start, Head Start Plus Child Care, Satellite Family Child Care Accreditation, Family Services, Early Head Start and programs that support the Professional Development and Training of staff. Reach Dane has become the largest provider of both preschool and infant/toddler programming in this area of the State of Wisconsin.

ACCREDITATION THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN

From 1975 through 2022, Satellite's accreditation has been available to family child care programs in Madison and surrounding areas. In 2023, Satellite joined in partnership with Shine Early Learning. This partnership provides funding for the expansion of Satellite Accreditation throughout Wisconsin.

