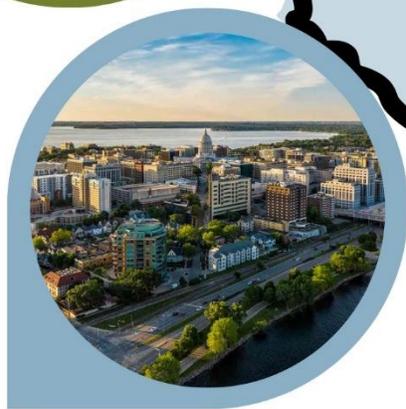
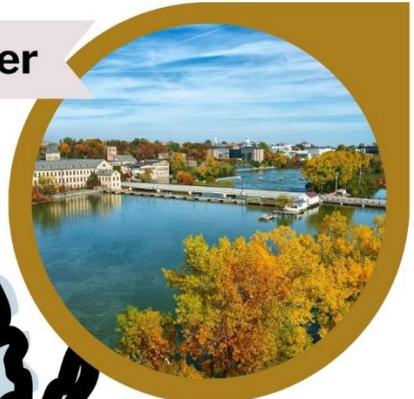




Satellite Family Child Care System

April 2024
Newsletter

Provider Appreciation Dinner



Let us celebrate YOU! Join us for a meal in your honor. Learn more [here](#).

Congratulations on
your Reaccreditation!



Shannon Davis –
Let the Dragons Fly



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

Temitope Oluti – Flourish Childcare Center

Geneva Felder – Felder’s Family Child Care

Christina Walker – Christina Daycare Place

Denver Cruickshank – Denver’s Little Sunshine

Ofelia Uribe Sotero – Nuevo Amanecer

Welcome Stephanie



Stephanie Winkel ran a family child care in Neenah and Appleton from 2012-2024. Before opening her family child care, Twinkeling Stars Nature Preschool, she attended UW-Oshkosh where she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood-Middle Adolescence Education. During her family child care years, she went through the National Family Child Care accreditation process and was accredited from 2015-2018.

In addition to becoming accredited, Twinkeling Stars was a certified nature-based classroom, and Stephanie continues her passion of getting children outdoors in all weather. In 2020, Stephanie became an adjunct instructor in the Early Childhood Department at Fox Valley Technical College. She also has provided trainings at a variety of conferences. Wanting to engage with other family child care providers on a consistent level, she became president of a local family child care support group in the Fox Cities.

Stephanie is excited to join the Satellite team where she can support family child care providers all over Wisconsin. She is a firm believer in the beauty of the family child care model, and helping providers express their own passions, values, and niches in the field.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON

Tesoritos Family Childcare

Program Owner: Karla Gonzalez Ramirez, Accredited Satellite Provider

“Our program is called Tesoritos Family Childcare. I personally started working in the child care profession with my mother when I was 15 years old, since she has her own daycare and she encouraged me to take classes related to child care. I was her assistant. Then I decided to work as a nursing assistant for a few years. In March 2022, with the collaboration of my husband, we decided to open our own home daycare since I had experience as my mother's assistant and understood the concept.” – Karla Gonzalez Ramirez



“With the help of 4C and Satellite, I opened my own daycare in a short time and was able to obtain my city license in a few months. I think that like every business that starts at the beginning, the challenge we had was to fill the spaces quickly, but the parents who came at the beginning and their recommendations helped us fill the spaces quickly. What I like most about my profession is that I can collaborate with the learning and preparation for the future of the children in my care. My husband and I continue to educate ourselves to stay updated and be able to offer better service.” – Karla Gonzalez Ramirez

Upcoming Professional Development



Children as Naturalists: Forest School in Family Child Care

This course will introduce Forest School as an approach to guiding curriculum practices in family child care through the six principles: long-term, nature, community, risk, holistic learning, and leadership. Participants will learn what forest school looks like in a wide variety of locations, why time in nature is so valuable to young children, and how educators may keep children safe while supporting healthy risk-taking behaviors. Co-founder of [Gather: A Forest School Community](#) Ashley Causey-Golden, licensed clinical social worker Janna Hack, and accreditation consultant Jen Jorgensen will lead the discussion.

April 17; 6 – 8 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

2 hours of Registry credit

[Register here](#) (by 4/15)



Exploring Quality in Family Child Care: Should We Tell Children to Apologize?

Licensed clinical social worker Janna Hack will explore what we are hoping children will gain from making apologies versus what can happen when we force children to apologize. Participants will learn strategies for what we can do to support children's development in empathy, conflict resolution, and accountability for the impact of their actions on others.

May 7; 1 – 2 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

1 hour of Registry credit

[Register here](#) (by 5/3)

Satellite Calendar

Evening Professional Learning Opportunities

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
Curriculum Philosophy Series						
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

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

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	<i>Coming soon</i>	7	E, Sp

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>

Exploring Quality in Family Child Care

Dates	Time	Topic	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
April 9	1-2 pm	How Your Walls and Shelves Impact Children's Development	Zoom	Register here! by 4/5/24	1	E, Sp
May 7	1-2 pm	Should We Tell Children to Apologize?	Zoom	Register here! by 5/3/24	1	E, Sp
June 11	1-2 pm	Defining Your Philosophy	Zoom	Register here! by 6/7/24	1	E, Sp
July 9	1-2 pm	Risky Play	Zoom	Register here! by 7/5/24	1	E, Sp
August 6	1-2 pm	Back-and-Forth Interactions	Zoom	Register here! by 8/3/24	1	E, Sp
September 24	1-2 pm	Child-Directed Play	Zoom	Register here! by 9/20/24	1	E, Sp

Guided Book Studies (*English only*)

Dates	Time	Book	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
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
October 3 – November 21	1-2 pm	Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder	Zoom	Register here! by 9/5/24	16	E

Enjoyable time with other family child care providers

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	
April 21	6-8 pm	Provider Appreciation Dinner	The District Eau Claire	Register here!	E
May 14	5:30-8:30 pm	Provider Appreciation Dinner	Tenney Park Shelter Madison	Register here!	E, Sp
May 22	6-8 pm	Provider Appreciation Dinner	Pullmans at Trolley Square Appleton	Register here!	E
September 25	6-8 pm	Gathering in Appleton – dinner and mindful art activity	Appleton	<i>Coming soon</i>	E
October 2	6-8 pm	Provider Appreciation Dinner	Milwaukee	Register here!	E, Sp
October 23	6-8 pm	Gathering in Madison -- dinner and mindful art activity	Madison	<i>Coming soon</i>	E, Sp

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Language

E English

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EAU CLAIRE

April 21



MADISON

May 14



Provider Appreciation Dinner

Join us for a meal in honor of you and the
incredibly important work you do.



APPLETON

May 22



MILWAUKEE

October 2

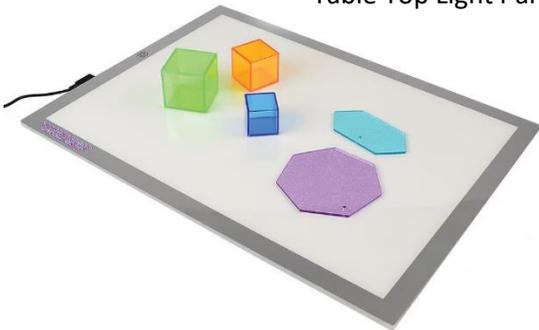
LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

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

Table Top Light Panel



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Unit Blocks



Playground Equipment

Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

Home Safety Checklist

43. Cushioning materials (i.e., mats, wood chips, or sand) are used under climbing equipment, slides, and swings--according to Wisconsin State Licensing's recommended guidelines for depth.



The Basics

Why is playground safety important? Injuries sustained from home playgrounds can be significant and can even result in death. 50,000 children in the United States visit hospital emergency rooms every year because of injuries on home playgrounds, accounting for one out of five playground-related injuries. 80% of the injuries occur when children fall off equipment. Of the reported deaths of children younger than age 15 that involved playground equipment, 70% occurred in home locations. Severe injuries are most common on the upper extremities, including the head and neck, and have the potential for long-term consequences or death. The likelihood of severe injury is closely tied to the type of surfacing underneath the playground. Non-impacting-absorbing surfaces, including grass and dirt, double the risk of severe injury from falls, while loose-fill materials like sand, pea gravel, and engineered wood fiber provide shock-absorbing properties that reduce the chance of significant injury from falls. Minimizing the risk of injury by properly planning, constructing, and maintaining outdoor play areas is key to keeping children safe and happy outdoors.

How do I keep children safe when they fall? Family child care professionals are responsible for planning and maintaining a safe outdoor environment. To minimize risk of injury, playground equipment like climbing structures, swings, and slides with a fall height of 36 inches or higher must:

- Not be placed over concrete or asphalt.
- Be placed atop loose-fill materials filled to the recommended depth by height.
- Be positioned in an area with a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions.

I want to learn more!

- [Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook](#)
- [Licensing Rules for Family Child Care DCF 250.06 Physical plant and equipment](#)
- [Playground Information to Use with the Environmental Rating Scales](#)
- [Is Your Playground Safe for Kids?](#)
- [National Program for Playground Safety](#)
- [Child's Play Surface that Protects Against Falls](#)
- [Playground Surface Safety Drop Test](#)

Professional Resources

Satellite Services

- [Mentor Program](#)
- [Satellite new member application](#)
- [Resource loans—equipment, curriculum units, & resource books](#)
- [Report your family child care program's child openings here](#)

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Wisconsin

- [T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program](#)
- [REWARD Stipend Program](#)
- [Wisconsin Early Childhood Shared Services Network \(WEESN\)](#)
- [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 April Financial Wellness session is:

Manage Money through Multiple Savings! The new era of budgeting is here with many people using savings accounts to keep track of their earnings, spending, and savings by using multiple savings accounts. This session will share insights on how you can create an electronic budget, and system that works for you to manage your money and work on your financial goals at the same time.

Listen to the recording [here](#).

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



YoungStar Quality Adjustment **Increase**

Providers who receive 4- or 5-star ratings on the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System* and who care for children enrolled in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program are eligible for quality adjustment payments. If you accept Wisconsin Shares but are not currently serving any families receiving the subsidy, you will not receive an adjustment.

**Programs accredited through Satellite Family Child Care System receive a 4- or 5-star rating.*

Beginning with the March 2024 payment, through the June 2024 payment, adjustment percentages will be increased to:

- 15% for 4 Star providers
- 30% for 5 Star providers

Learn more [here](#).

Calculate Your Own Time-Space Percentage

[Click here for more information!](#)



Reduce your taxes
by calculating
your correct time-
space percentage.

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!

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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!

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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.

Arcoíris

The purpose of the Arcoíris support group is to provide meetings with child care providers. The goal of the Arcoíris support group is to share resources with each provider who attends the meetings. There is no cost to the Arcoíris 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 Arcoíris support group maintains confidentiality inside and outside the meetings of all topics discussed. This group is conducted in Spanish.

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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.

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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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