



Satellite

FAMILY CHILD CARE SYSTEM
NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Noche Latina

End of year celebration!

📍 Madison



Welcome baby!



Congratulations to Satellite Affiliate Educator Madalyn Syverson for welcoming baby Elias in November!



LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

Welcome Satellite Affiliate members!

Natasha Oliver – Agape Academy

Congrats on moving to Associate level!

Becca Munoz – Krantz Creative Kids

Congrats on your Reaccreditation!

Sarah Tuttle (Program Owner) and Jessica Boos (Lead Educator) – Bright Beginnings Day School 2

Congrats on your first Accreditation!



Kathleen Woodford and Walquer Rojas – El Mundo de Niños

Satellite Gathering



Join us for a social gathering open to Satellite family child care professionals. Spend an evening together, enjoy dinner, and play board games. Attendees are invited to bring a side, dessert, drink, or a favorite game!



Reach Dane - South Madison
3201 Latham Dr, **Madison**

Jan 22

REGISTER HERE

LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON

Flourish Family Childcare Center

Program Owner: Temitope Oluti; Associate Satellite Educator



“Flourish Family Childcare Center is a small, home-based childcare facility that provides nurturing, personalized care for young children in a family-like setting. We are particularly proud of our holistic approach to child development, emphasizing not just academic readiness but also emotional well-being and social skills.” – Temitope Oluti



“We take pride in creating a warm, inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported. Through personalized care and a curriculum that balances structured activities with free play, they aim to nurture creativity, confidence, and a love for learning. The center also fosters strong partnerships with parents, ensuring that each child's unique needs are met through open communication and collaboration.” – Temitope Oluti



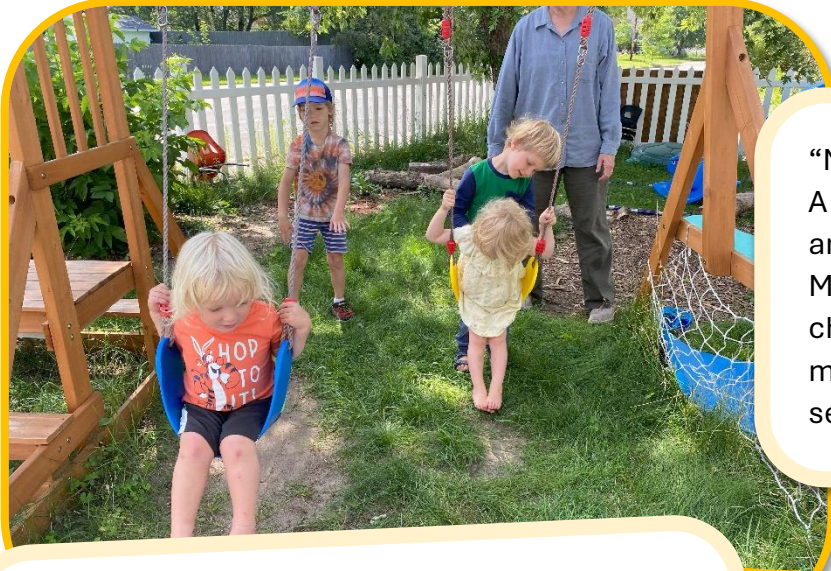
“What sets us apart is our deep commitment to fostering a family-like atmosphere that prioritizes individualized attention for every child. Flourish focuses on small group sizes, allowing caregivers to build strong, meaningful relationships with each child and their family. This personalized approach enables us to tailor learning experiences to each child's unique interests and developmental needs. We also integrate nature-based and hands-on learning activities, encouraging exploration and curiosity, which we believe lays a strong foundation for lifelong growth and resilience.” – Temitope Oluti



LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON *Ms. Julia's Schoolia*

Program Owner: Julia Bennker; Affiliate Satellite Educator



"Ms. Julia's Schoolia started as a playgroup. A kiddo in that playgroup showed up one day and said, 'This is Ms. Julia's Schoolia!' Now Ms. Julia's Schoolia is a licensed family child care center in Eau Claire, WI. At the moment, there are 11 children enrolled, serving nine families." – Julia Bennker

"We talk about how valuable we each are to the Schoolia community. When we clean up, we are taking care of our toys and making the room safer to walk through. We play with each other in a way that is fun for everybody. Taking care of each other and watching out for each other's safety is important to our community." – Julia Bennker



"I aim to cultivate people who see their place in our community. We have done this by talking about the people in our community and how they help Eau Claire be such a great place to live. We learned the different roles our family members have in Eau Claire, ranging from musicians and photographers to physical therapists and technical support managers." – Julia Bennker

DIVING INTO THE STANDARDS

Authentic Cultural Experiences

Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

IV. Supporting Children's Development

D. The provider assures respect for the diversity that exists within the community.

4. The provider introduces cultural activities based on the authentic experiences of children, families, and the provider herself rather than on stereotyped images of various cultures.



Bambinos Early Childhood Centre



The Nest Schools Little Stars



Early Learning & Kindergarten

The Basics



"Ms. Dalia!! Jayden is patting the baby to sleep in the crib. He needs to rock her."

"There are so many ways to help babies fall asleep! You are both so kind to your baby."



Culture is shared beliefs, values, history, language, and practices within a group. Like in the scenario above, it is complex and influences children's development and learning. When educators explore culture solely through celebrations, art, music, and food, children learn of diverse groups as separate and in a generalized, stereotypical matter.

Why is attention to cultural diversity important? Early childhood education settings offer a unique opportunity to teach young children openness, acceptance, and respect of cultural diversity. When educators understand and value the individual cultures of the children in their program and the broader community, they create welcoming learning environments in which children of all backgrounds thrive. Children begin to appreciate similarities and differences among individuals when educators embrace curiosity, reframe stereotypes, and model acceptance. Cultural representation and exploration in an early childhood program also supports young children's self-development, self-esteem, and sense of belonging.

Authentic Cultural Experiences (Cont.)

[How can I incorporate culture diversity authentically?](#) Learn about families' beliefs, values, and practices. Develop a deeper understanding of the diverse cultures in your community. Appreciate more fully how personal beliefs, values, and practices influence your interactions with others. Integrate cultural experiences in everyday practice through materials, media, literature, traditions, routines, rituals, language, discussions, and food. Involve family and community members in your program. Be open with children about diversity in conversation, naming and reframing stereotypes children learn through media. Ensure all children and their unique cultural experiences held in mind when developing and implementing program curriculum.

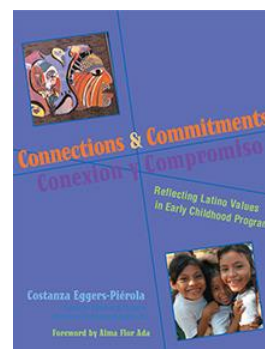
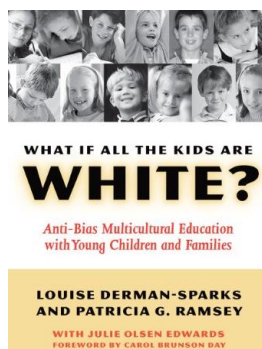
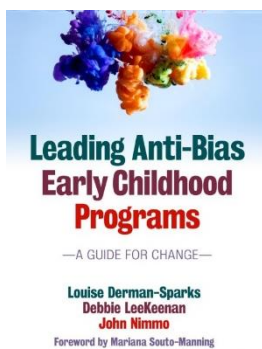
[I want to learn more!](#)

- [How to avoid a tokenistic or 'tourism' approach to diversity](#)
- [Capitalizing on Culture: Engaging Young Learners in Diverse Classrooms](#)
- [Connecting Culture and Play: Practical Strategies for Educators](#)
- [Role of Equity and Diversity in Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Diverse Books for All Coalition](#)

[Books available through Satellite's lending library:](#)

(for Satellite participating programs only)

- *Leading Anti-Bias Early Childhood Programs: A Guide for Change* (Derman-Sparks, LeeKeenan, & Nimmo, 2015)
- *What If All the Kids Are White? Anti-Bias Multicultural Education with Young Children and Families* (Ramsey & Derman-Sparks, 2006)
- *Connections & Commitments: Reflecting Latino Values in Early Childhood Programs* (Eggers-Piérola, 2005)



This resource is available to you through Satellite Family Child Care System, a YoungStar Connect Partner.

Upcoming Professional Development

Wisconsin Alliance for
Infant Mental Health



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FAMILY CHILD CARE SYSTEM

Pilot Pyramid Model Family Child Care E-Modules with Reflective Coaching Cohort

Only for programs participating in Satellite's accreditation system.

The National Pyramid Model Consortium is launching a new Pyramid Model course focused on the work that **YOU** do – family child care! **Pyramid Model** is a framework that guides the understanding of social and emotional development in young children using evidence-based practices to support all children. Satellite is partnering with the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health to offer this new course to a family child care cohort. Participants will receive 24 hours of Registry credit for completion of this course. This course is in English only. The course includes:

Group reflection (6 hours)

Mondays • 6 – 7 pm • Zoom

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 19

June 9

+ Independent e-modules (18 hours)

12 modules • 90 minutes per module

[Register here](#) by 1/13

Space is limited. Open to Satellite programs and their education team.



Exploring Quality in Family Child Care: Risky Play

Risky play is unstructured play that involves some risk of injury – physical or emotional – and often includes experimenting with height, speed, tools, and nature. Risky play supports self-regulation, self-awareness, and self-confidence. However, allowing risk taking can be uncomfortable for many caregivers. Come to this virtual session to reflect on your own approach to risky play, hear from other family child care professionals, and learn strategies for supporting children's natural inclination to push boundaries.

February 4 • 1 – 2 PM • Zoom • English and Spanish • 1 hour of Registry credit

[Register here](#) by 2/2

Early Learning Connections Conference

Free

2025

Gratis

Friday, February 21
Saturday, February 22

viernes 21 de febrero
sábado 22 de febrero

A 2 day professional
development conference for
Early Care & Education
Professionals in the Madison
area.

Una conferencia de desarrollo
profesional de 2 días para
profesionales de educación y
cuidado infantil en el área de
Madison.

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

American Family Insurance
6000 American Pkwy, Madison, WI 53783

Free

register now
regístrese hoy



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www.rsvpbook.com/ELConnections2025

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Satellite Professional Development

Evening Professional Learning Opportunities



Wednesdays • 6 – 8 pm • Zoom • 2 hours of Registry credit • English and Spanish

Dates	Event	Registration
February 19	Transitions Throughout the Day in Family Child Care: Strategies, Skills, and Wisdom from Satellite Programs	Register by 2/17
April 23	How to Create an Environment that Supports Children's Ideas AND Maintains Your Boundaries	Register by 4/21
July 16	Promoting Calm Through Your Environment	Register by 7/14
August 20	Making it Work: Incorporating Rich Art Experiences into a Mixed-Age Setting	Register by 8/18

Exploring Quality in Family Child Care

Tuesdays • 1 – 2 pm • Zoom • 1 hour of Registry credit • English and Spanish

Dates	Topic	Registration
February 4	Risky Play	Register by 2/2
March 11	Supporting Infant's Large Motor Development	Register by 3/9
April 8	Back-and-Forth Interactions	Register by 4/6
May 13	Erikson Institute Presents: Using Observations to Plan Curriculum	Register by 5/11
June 10	Open-Ended Questions	Register by 6/8

Pyramid Model

Monthly on Mondays • 6 – 7 pm • Zoom • 24 hours of Registry credit • English only

Only for programs participating in Satellite's accreditation system.

Dates	Event	Registration
January 27 – June 9	Pilot Pyramid Model Family Child Care E-Modules with Reflective Coaching Cohort	Register by 1/13

Early Learning Connections Conference

Date	Time	Session	Registration
February 21	9:15 – 10:45 am	Supporting Multilingual Children in Early Childhood Classrooms	Register here
February 22	9:15 – 10:45 am	Bringing Movement and Connection into Early Childhood Programs	Register here

OUR COMMUNITY

Support Group Spotlight *Sojourn*



Sojourn means *a gathering along our journey to pause and reflect*. Sojourn's mission is to provide a community of accredited family child care professionals who empower one another to reach their own unique potential through personal connections, reflective processes, and shared leadership.

Why join Sojourn?

- Build relationships with other current and retired professional child care providers
- Experience professional growth through group process responsibilities
- Participate in discussions about family child care issues

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in members' homes. Hosting is *optional*. We gather at 6:30PM for dinner. This is followed by a check-in and a discussion of business and "burning issues."

We use a shared leadership model for Sojourn meetings. We strive for a balance between personal and professional issues in our discussions.

Interested??

Come to a meeting!
Contact Shannon Davis at letthedragonsfly@gmail.com
or Chris Torres at rctorres8881@gmail.com to find out where the next one will be held.

"Sojourn gives us an opportunity to connect with other early educators, share our concerns, laugh a bit, and realize that we are part of something so much larger than ourselves. Even though we work in isolated circumstances, **we are never truly alone**. There are people who understand us and what we do, the energy we give every day. The love. Meeting together lets us be who we are, learn from each other, share ideas. We gather for a meal because breaking bread brings us closer together, but also gives us a little space to breathe. We see both ourselves and our compatriots as part of the weave that holds our society together." – Sojourn member

Satellite Social Events

These opportunities are open to educators participating in Satellite's accreditation system.



Educator Appreciation Dinner

A dinner in honor of family child care professionals • 6 pm

Dates	Location	RSVP	🌐
March 9	Eau Claire	RSVP here	English
May 14	Madison	RSVP here	English, Spanish
June 25	Milwaukee	RSVP here	English, Spanish
July 23	Appleton area	Coming soon	English

Satellite Gatherings

Time for family child care professionals to spend together • 6 pm

Dates	Location	RSVP	🌐
January 22	Madison	RSVP here	English, Spanish
February 26	Kimberly	RSVP here	English
October 18	Eau Claire	Coming soon	English
November 5	Milwaukee area	Coming soon	English, Spanish

Satellite Support Groups

Noche Latina

An evening for Spanish speaking family child care professionals.

6 – 8 pm • Spanish • 4709 Verona Road Madison • Contact evargas@reachdane.org with questions

February 12

March 12

April 9

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

November 12

Sojourn

A support group for Satellite family child care professionals that meets at family programs.

Evening • Second Tuesday of every month • English • Madison area • RSVP to letthedragonfly@gmail.com

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

Arcoíris

A support group for Spanish speaking family child care professionals that meets at family programs.

Evening • Third Friday of every month • Madison area • RSPV to Margarita at (608) 446-6142

January 16

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

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 and Units Loans

Outlast Blocks



Designed to encourage constructive play and child-directed discovery in the best setting possible – outdoors.

Pottery Wheel



Give young children an authentic pottery experience!



Conveyor Belt
The kid-powered kinetic machine!

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Professional Resources

Satellite Services

- [Mentorship Program](#)
- [Satellite Application](#)
- [Equipment and Unit Loan Program](#)
- [Lending Library](#)
- [Report your family child care program's child openings here](#)



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](#)
- [W.E.C.A.N.](#)



Professional Organizations focused only on Family Child Care

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



For Satellite
participating
programs only



The January Financial Wellness session is:

Money Visions & Goals! What you think about your money matters! This session will help you better understand how you can use money to reach your financial goals. You will work through taking abstract visions and creating concrete goals with step-by-step plans to help you own your money.

Live Session: **January 15** 11:30 AM Zoom [Register here!](#)

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

ADVOCATING FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSION



Event to begin a conversation about Eau Claire's early childhood landscape!

Motivated to start a conversation about child care in Eau Claire, Satellite affiliate member Julia Bennker has coordinated an advocacy event aimed to bring together families with young children, child care professionals, child care resource agencies, and state, county, and local government officials. The kickoff event will occur on **January 18** at **SHIFT Cyclery & Coffee Bar** in **Eau Claire** and feature live music, art activities, and more generously donated by local businesses.

Julia hopes this event will empower families and educators to let their voices be heard *and* for others to hear those voices and enact change to support the Chippewa Valley early childhood education landscape. When asked about her motivation to work in early childhood education, Julia answered,

"I'm interested in psychology. There's so much psychology in this work. I love brain development and making connections with young children. Early language. Early communication. All of it fascinates me. You know, spending your days with children is a good way to spend your time."

Julia's commitment to advocacy and high-quality early childhood education is bringing the community together.

Learn more about this event [here](#)!

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