



Satellite Family Child Care System

July 2024 Newsletter

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

Victoria Wendt – Baby Steps Childcare

Michelle Coker – Scribbles and Giggles Family Child Care

Maria Sanchez Villafuerte – Mary's Bilingual Family Daycare

Sheri Bishop – Precious Cargo

Cambria Grzybowski – Twigs Nature Inspired Child Care

Julia Bennker – Ms. Julia's Schoolia

Madalyn Syverson – Pine and Meadow Nursery

**Congrats on
your first
Accreditation!**

**Congratulations on moving
to Associate level with
Satellite!**

Derba Raddant – Deb's Daycare Center

Sarah Olson – Hundred Acre Play Care

Jennifer Burke –
Tender Heart
Childcare

Betty-Anne White –
Small Steps – Great
Expectations



Congrats on your
Reaccreditation!



Maria Luisa Mas –
Peluchitos Day Care LLC

Kimberly Garrett –
Magnolia Family Child Care



Alba Santibáñez –
Chiquitines



Christina Torres – Learn N
Play Family Child Care



Wisconsin Pyramid Model

Teach. Coach. Change.

Satellite Family Child Care System is now piloting [Pyramid Model](#) coaching for family child care programs. Accreditation consultant Mykenzie Lerg is leading this work with two programs in northeastern Wisconsin.

[Why the Pyramid Model?](#)

Wisconsin Alliance for
Infant Mental Health



LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

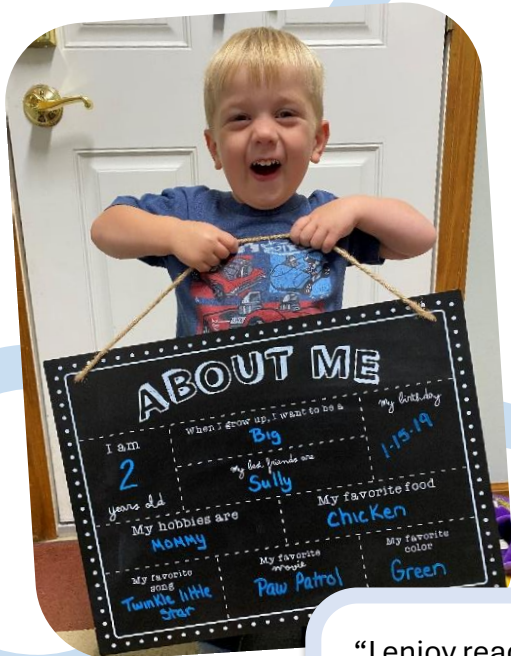
SPOTLIGHT ON Monica's Monsters

Program Owner: Monica Vorliceck

Affiliate Satellite Provider



"My name is Monica, and I started my in home daycare on accident which became a blessing. In 2009 I was planning on becoming a stay-at-home mom but friends needed someone to watch their kids, hence my beginning. In 2014 I became licensed, and my current families named my program, Monica's Monsters. I love the fall season, Halloween and Monster Inc was a hit movie at the time so the name stuck." – Monica Vorliceck



"I enjoy reading and learning to better my program so doing a minimum of 100 hours of continued education may sound extreme, but things are always changing, and I am a nut for information. A bonus to my program is I am a problem solver and communicator so those are my focuses to teach to the children I care for." – Monica Vorliceck

LEARNING AND CONNECTING TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON Hundred Acre Play Care

Program Owner: Sarah Olson; Associate Satellite Provider



“My goals changed from teaching public school to family child care when I dropped my first son off at daycare so that I could go to work – in a different early childhood program. Twelve years later, my own children are all in school, I’m in a new location, new to licensing and accreditation, and finishing my 10th year of family child care!” – Sarah Olson



“After finally beginning to feel settled in child care, my program took on a completely new direction during Covid. I was setting up a dramatic play grocery store for my little ones and when I realized that none of them had ever entered a store due to their ages and the pandemic. This opened my eyes to becoming a less “teacher-led” program and I began a journey to find ways to care for, support, and help children grow in the most meaningful ways possible.” – Sarah Olson



“After lots of learning (that still never ends), and a great deal of practice, I offer a different kind of program now – one where children choose what is meaningful for them to engage in and they are not rushed to be anything other than who they are right now.” – Sarah Olson

DIVING INTO THE STANDARDS

Materials: Number and Variety

Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

II. Physical Environment, Equipment and Materials

B. Materials and equipment are developmentally suited and appealing to all children in the group.

3. There is a sufficient amount and variety of toys and materials for the number and development range of children in the group.

Appendix I: [Recommended Materials](#)



The Basics

What is an appropriate number of choices? Children in settings with stimulating, engaging materials develop better cognitive skills, including language comprehension and short-term memory. Family child care environments have many children of varying ages playing alongside and with each other, so there must be *enough* options for children to play harmoniously but not *too many* that it becomes overwhelming. For instance, toddlers with access to fewer choices **play longer, more creatively, and more focused** than toddlers in environments with many choices. The appropriate number of materials is different for every program and is dependent on **culture, educational philosophy, physical space, age span, and number of children**. Family child care professionals should experiment with children's available options, keeping variety in mind, and observing its impact on play, behavior, and relationships. Consider these questions:

- How are children engaging with the materials?
- Are the materials developmentally appropriate for the ages represented?
- Is there adequate space for children to engage with the materials?

Why is material variety important? Different types of materials **nurture unique aspects** of children's development. See examples in the table below.

DIVING INTO THE STANDARDS

Materials: Number and Variety (Cont.)

Material Type A few developing skills...

<i>Blocks</i>	spatial relationships	measure objects	count and quantify
<i>Dramatic Play</i>	expressive language	imagination	empathy
<i>Art Materials</i>	creativity	self-expression	symbolic thinking
<i>Books</i>	receptive language	phonological awareness	print concepts
<i>Manipulatives</i>	fine motor	sequencing and patterns	executive function

Variety also includes materials that evoke the different sensory systems. Do children have access to materials that have a variety of **textures, colors, smells, and sounds**? Do children have access to materials that facilitate different types of big body play such as throwing and bouncing? The number and variety of materials refer to the **choices accessible to children** to engage with freely and without help from an adult. Have limited space in your program? Try rotating different types of materials often to keep children engaged and spark growth in all areas of development. Explore examples of different types of materials to consider offering in your program in the section below.

I want to learn more!

- [Good Toys for Young Children by Age and Stage](#)
- [Tips for Choosing Toys for Toddlers](#)
- [Materials Guide: FCCERS-3](#)
- [Selecting Material and Equipment in Infant and Toddler Settings](#)
- [The influence of the number of toys in the environment on toddlers' play](#)
- [Child Care and Child Development: Results from the NICHD Study](#)
- [Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards: Interest Areas](#)

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

Upcoming Professional Development



Nurturing Children's Imagination: Waldorf in Family Child Care

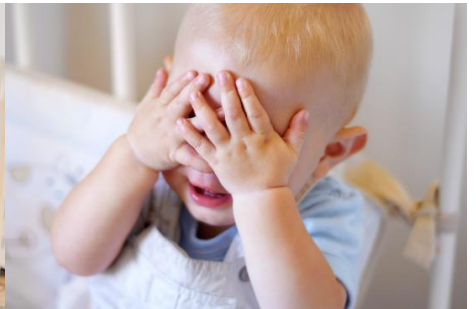
This course will introduce Waldorf Education as a method of guiding curriculum practices in family child care. Participants will learn how Waldorf's holistic, play-based principles contribute to children's imagination and creative expression. This course will outline how to incorporate the core practices of music, handwork, storytelling, and art, throughout the day. The course will focus on how this curriculum approach can be implemented in a family child care program.

July 17; 6 – 8 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

2 hours of Registry credit

[Register here](#) (by 7/15)



Exploring Quality in Family Child Care: Back-and-Forth Interactions

Back-and-forth interactions involve a passing of exchanges between child and caregiver. These interactions begin when a child initiates an exchange with an adult through behaviors like pointing, reaching, and babbling. An adult then returns the bid with a response, either verbal or nonverbal. Come explore how these moments help children learn and grow while we discuss ways to balance the complex developmental needs of a mixed-age group.

August 6; 1 – 2 PM Zoom

English and Spanish

1 hour of Registry credit


[Register here](#) (by 8/3)

Satellite Calendar

Evening Professional Learning Opportunities

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
Curriculum Philosophy Series						
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	Zoom	Register here! by 10/7/24	2	E, Sp
November 13	6-8 pm	Nature-Based Winters: Indoors and Out in Family Child Care	Zoom	Register here! by 11/11/24	2	E, Sp
January 15	6-8 pm	Transitions Throughout the Day in Family Child Care: Strategies, Skills, and Wisdom from Satellite Programs	Zoom	Register here! by 1/13/25	2	E, Sp

Saturday Events

Dates	Time	Event	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
September 28	8-6 pm	Safety Saturday *Only for programs participating in Satellite's accreditation system	Reach Dane – Red Arrow	Register here! by 9/14/24	7 - 9	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/cclicensing/ccformspubs>

Satellite Calendar (Cont.)


Exploring Quality in Family Child Care

Dates	Time	Topic	Location	Registration	Registry hours*	
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 3	1-2 pm	Child-Directed Play	Zoom	Register here! by 8/30/24	1	E, Sp
October 8	1-2 pm	Should We Tell Children to Apologize?	Zoom	Register here! by 10/4/24	1	E, Sp
November 19	1-2 pm	Dr. Peter Gray Discusses Mixed-Age Play	Zoom	Register here! by 11/15/24	1	E, Sp
December 10	1-2 pm	Process Art	Zoom	Register here! By 12/6/24	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	<i>Closed</i>	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	
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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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



Wonderfold Wagon



 RIGAMAJIG



Low Kiddie Car

Safety Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

This special, free health and safety conference is available to early childhood educators participating in Satellite's Accreditation System

2096 Red Arrow Trail
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Come learn about...

First Aid CPR AED

Seizure First Aid

Child Car Seat Safety

Child Protective Services

Health Policy Resources



Learn more [here](#)!

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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 \(WEESSN\)](#)
- [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](#)



For Satellite
participating
programs only



The July Financial Wellness session is:

Managing Unexpected Home Expenses! When it comes to unexpected expenses, many Americans experience stress and worry. The truth is - a large percentage of people are unable to cover an emergency without borrowing money or selling an asset. This session was created to help homeowners learn how to plan ahead and consider all types of unexpected expenses that will arise from being a homeowner. You'll leave this session feeling more in control of your finances and have peace of mind for the future!

Listen [here!](#) (Use "Reach Dane" as the organization with whom you're affiliated)

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 Latino providers and their families. We also have a lot of fun!

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

SATELLITE'S PARTNERS

**Thank you to our partners for helping us provide these services
at no cost to participants:**

