



Satellite

FAMILY CHILD CARE SYSTEM

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

**Congrats on your
Reaccreditation!**



Lead Educator Emma Frazier &
Program Owner Sarah Tuttle
Bright Beginnings Day School 4

Welcome Satellite Affiliate members!

Mayela Alvidrez – Grow in Harmony

Keshea Cole – Intellectual Leaders Early Childcare

Congrats on moving to Associate level!

Curby Modisett – Campbell's Kids Learning Center

Did you know?

BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE, SATELLITE PROGRAMS BORROWED

413

PIECES OF HIGH-QUALITY EQUIPMENT AND CURRICULUM UNITS.



New website loading...

Satellite is excited to launch our new homepage: <https://satellitefcc.org>

Learn more about us, including our various supports and family resources, by exploring our new home on the web.



Greater Milwaukee
FOUNDATION
greater together

A BIG welcome and thank you to our new partner, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation! Partnerships with supporters help us deliver effective and supportive comprehensive services to family child care educators.

Sojourn's July Meeting



Satellite support group Sojourn enjoyed a relaxing pontoon ride as a place for their July meeting.



FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON *Engaging Art!*

Below are photos of process art opportunities in Satellite programs!



Tara Summerville – Summerville Learning
and Development Center
Milwaukee



Kate Woodford – El Mundo de
Niños
Madison



Julia Bennker – Ms. Julia's Schoolia
Eau Claire



Tricia Nellen – Tricia's Harmony
House
Monona

Conflict Resolution

Relevant Satellite Accreditation Standards

IV. Supporting Children's Development

C. The provider actively promotes social skills and positive relationships among children.

3. The provider uses naturally occurring events and conflicts to help children talk through their feelings, listen to each other, and learn a variety of ways to interact.



Amy & Kids Co Nature Playschool



Flourish Family Childcare



Scribbles and Giggles Family Child

The Basics

Conflicts are a natural part of life and rich learning opportunities for children to advocate for oneself while balancing the needs of others. Children may identify and begin to employ constructive resolution strategies only after they have developed **theory of mind**, or the understanding that others have separate emotional states, intentions, and thoughts. Furthermore, children with a deeper understanding of others' intentions are more willing to balance the needs and desires of others when resolving conflicts (Pieng & Okamoto, 2020).

Why is conflict a learning opportunity? Conflict resolution skills support the development of...

- **empathy** as children recognize and consider others' emotional states, needs, and desires (Kwasniewska-Paszta, 2021).
- **self-advocacy** as children use assertive language to communicate their emotional states, needs, and desires (Marici et al., 2024).
- **self-control** as children consider the implication of one's actions and manage their emotions and behavior accordingly (Gilang, Syakur, & Solikhah 2024).

Children may cry, hit, bite, or disengage in response to conflict. As children recognize that disputes may be resolved with communication and cooperation rather than aggression, educators teach children skills that support healthy interpersonal relationships.

How do I support children through conflict? Children may not always benefit from adult intervention to work through a conflict. Observation is key. Educators use observation to ensure children's safety and determine their capacity to resolve conflict without adult involvement. Below are strategies for teaching and facilitating conflict resolution among children.

Conflict Resolution (Cont.)

STRATEGIES SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ **Teach expectations.** Communicate expectations that all individuals will be physically and emotionally safe within the program.
- ✓ **Model.** Children observe and repeat adults' patterns of behavior, so ensure to display responsive communication and cooperation.
- ✓ **Role play.** Pretend to go through a conflict scenario with puppets. Ask open-ended questions to explore intention and practice empathy and self-advocacy.
- ✓ **Read and discuss.** Talk through disagreements found in children's literature by discussing emotions and possible solutions.

INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

- ✓ **Stop unsafe behavior.** Ensure children remain physically and emotionally safe within the program.
- ✓ **Use visual aids.** Provide common, generalized solutions to conflicts with visual aids that depict options in written and pictorial form. Core word visual boards and sign language further support children with limited verbal language skills.
- ✓ **Acknowledge emotions.** Emotion-affirming language supports the development of theory of mind which is crucial to effective conflict resolution. For example, "You are angry Haley took your doll."
- ✓ **Provide words.** Remind children of respectful and effective language to use when acknowledging their needs in a conflict. For example, "Tell her, 'I do not like when you take toys from me. You can ask for a turn.'"
- ✓ **Offer solutions.** Brainstorm with children about potential solutions to conflicts. For example, "What could we do? Could we share the magnetic blocks, or would it feel better to take turns?"

I want to learn more!

- [A Three-Step Approach to Help Children Navigate Conflict](#) (Article)
- [Teaching Kids How to Deal With Conflict](#) (Article)
- [Young children can learn how to resolve conflicts with adult guidance and support](#) (Article)
- [Conflict Management Strategies for Early Childhood Educators](#) (Research article)

Books available through Satellite's lending library:

(for Satellite participating programs only)

- *Before Push Comes to Shove: Building Conflict Resolution Skills with Children* (Carlsson-Paige, 1998)
- *That's Not Fair! A Teacher's Guide to Activism with Young Children* (Pelo, 2000)
- *Class Meetings: Young Children Solving Problems Together* (Vance, 2002)

Play-Based Literacy Curriculum in Family Child Care

Early literacy, which includes phonological awareness, print concepts, and alphabet knowledge, impact children's later reading achievement. This course will explore how to incorporate early literacy curriculum in a mixed-age environment through play-based learning opportunities. Educators will learn strategies for supporting children's early literacy through word play, storytelling, movement games, music, and environmental print.

You will learn to...

- ✓ recognize the impact of early literacy skills on children's later reading achievement.
- ✓ incorporate early literacy curriculum in a mixed-age environment through play-based learning opportunities.
- ✓ implement, evaluate, and adapt curriculum to meet the emerging needs of children and families.

August 18

6 – 7:45 pm*

1.25 hours of Registry credit

English & Spanish**

*Light dinner at 6 pm and training begins at 6:30 pm

**Closed captioning available in Spanish

ThriveOn King

2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr

Milwaukee, WI 53212

[Click here to register!](#)



Satellite Professional Learning

Satellite’s free bilingual (English–Spanish) professional development values your existing knowledge, experiences, and perspectives. We offer a variety of learning experiences, including specialized training, recorded webinars, communities of practice, and book studies. Our professional learning focuses on home-based programming and mixed-age groups. Below are upcoming opportunities organized by event type. Click on “Register here” to sign up for each event. Registration closes two days before the event.

Exploring Quality in Family Child Care

This professional learning series supports a deeper understanding of the Satellite Accreditation Standards. In these one-hour monthly events at naptime, you will learn the evidence-based rationale behind a high-quality standard and discover ideas for practical implementation in your program.

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

September 15

Process Art

[Register here](#)

October 6

Building Empathy by Talking About Differences

[Register here](#)

Milwaukee Learning Opportunities

Our Milwaukee learning opportunities encourage community building and professional development through a shared meal and collaborative exploration of a topic. These opportunities are open to programs participating in Upward Milwaukee or Satellite’s accreditation system.

Tuesdays • 6 – 8 pm • Milwaukee • 1.5 hours of Registry credit • English with Spanish captions

August 18

Play-Based Literacy Curriculum in Family Child
Care

[Register here](#)

Miss a professional development event?

View our [recorded webinars](#) on our website. Complete the DCF form [Continuing Education Record—Independent Reading/Video Viewing](#) for your own record.

Satellite Professional Learning

Safety Saturday

Safety Saturday is a full day of free health and safety training offered annually to early childhood educators affiliated with Satellite. The in-person event will include Pediatric First Aid CPR AED, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Abuse Head Trauma, and Child Abuse and Neglect training. See more details below.

September 26 • 7:30 – 4:30 pm • Madison • 8 hours of Registry credit • English and Spanish

TIME	CONTENT
7:30 – 8 am	Breakfast
8 – 9 am	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Training
9 – 10 am	Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Training
10 – 12 pm	CPR/First Aid
12 – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 3:30 pm	CPR/First Aid (Continued)
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Child Abuse and Neglect Training

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Obtaining Registry Credit* for Satellite's Virtual (Zoom) Professional Learning Sessions

To receive hours of Registry of credit for web-based professional development, you must:

- Be present for at least 75% of the session.
- Complete an evaluation at the end of the session and enter your Registry information.

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 document a Satellite event that you attended or a Satellite event recording you watched, complete the DCF form [Continuing Education Record—Independent Reading/Video Viewing](#) for your own record.

Satellite Social Events

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



Educator Appreciation Dinner

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

Dates

Location

RSVP



New 2027 dates coming soon!



Satellite Gatherings

Time for family child care professionals to spend together

Dates

Location

Time

RSVP



October 3

Eau Claire

9:30-11:30 am

[RSVP here](#)

English

November 4

Milwaukee

6-8 pm

[RSVP here](#)

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

August 12

November 11

September 9

December 5

October 14

Sojourn

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

6:30 – 9 PM • Tuesdays • English • Madison area • RSVP to letthedragonsfly@gmail.com

August 11

November 10

September 8

December 8

October 13

Unity Circle

A support group for Satellite family child care professionals in the greater Milwaukee area.

6 – 8 PM • Thursdays • English • 1345 S 47th St West Milwaukee • [RSVP here to attend](#)

August 13

November 12

September 10

December 10

October 8

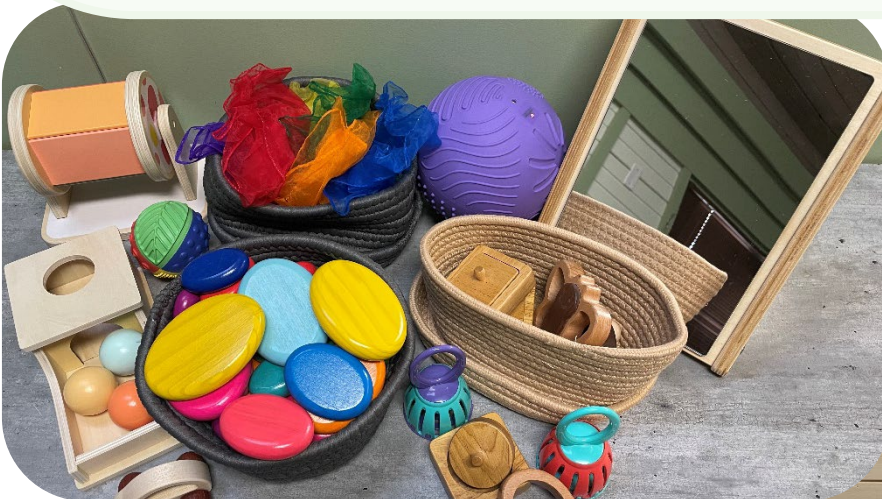
Learn more about Satellite's support groups [here](#).

SATELLITE LOAN PROGRAM

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.

Click here for
Satellite Equipment
and Units Loans



Infants

Light and Shadows



The 5 Senses

YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS

Family child care can be a challenging *and* rewarding profession. You must prioritize your health and wellbeing in order to provide high-quality care in your program.

Below are resources to help you focus on YOU and your wellbeing. Click on the text to learn more.



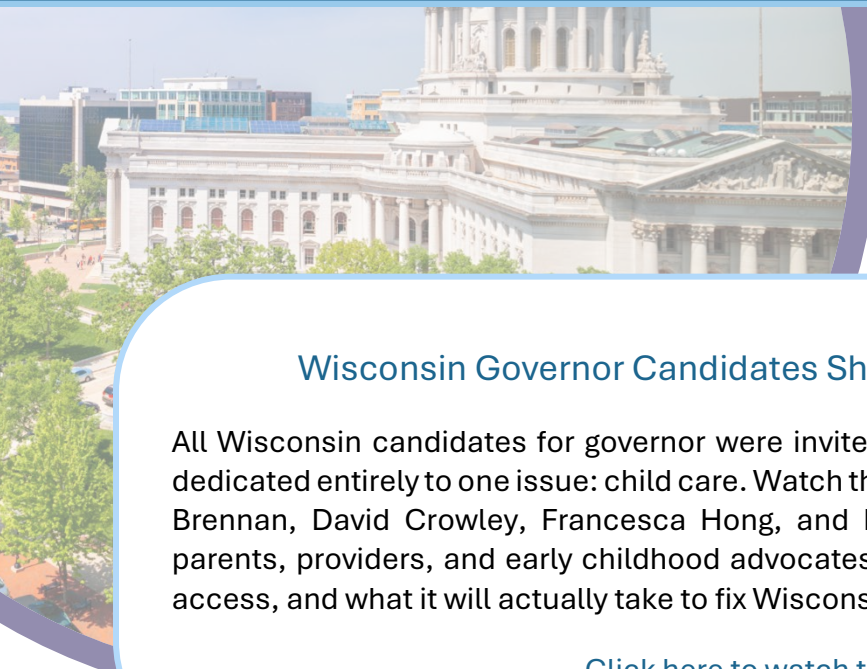
Protecting Your
Mental Health as a
Home Daycare
Provider

Self-Care Tips for
a Demanding Role

Emotional
Wellness

Self-Care
Strategies for
Family Childcare
Owners

ADVOCATING FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSION



Wisconsin Governor Candidates Share Their Plans for Child Care

All Wisconsin candidates for governor were invited to participate in this non-partisan forum dedicated entirely to one issue: child care. Watch the full conversation as Mandela Barnes, Joel Brennan, David Crowley, Francesca Hong, and Kelda Roys answer direct questions from parents, providers, and early childhood advocates about affordability, educator wages, rural access, and what it will actually take to fix Wisconsin's child care crisis.

[Click here to watch the recording!](#)

Everyday Quality Framework: Opportunity to Support New Quality Measure

The Everyday Quality team is looking for a small number of family child care educators who may be willing to have a professional videographer record everyday routines and interactions in their program **this August**. Video clips will be used in the [EDQ toolkit](#) and may also be used for training and conference presentations. They are working with a professional videographer who would record your program for one day. You will receive a **\$250 gift card** as a thank you for your participation. If you are interested in learning more, please complete the survey using the link below.

[Video Recording Interest Survey](#)



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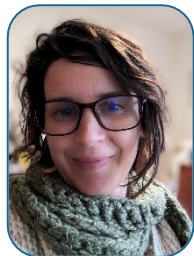
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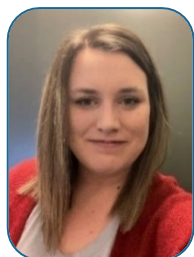
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Label mailed and hand delivered items with "attention:
Satellite" & and the Satellite staff person's name

Satellite Supports

To learn more about Satellite's numerous supports, click on the circle below.



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

