

Satellite

FAMILY CHILD CARE SYSTEM



Support for Your
Program

Satellite Family Child Care System Supports

What we do.

Satellite offers significant, ongoing support focused on family child care. We know how complex your work is — and we provide a combination of supports designed to make it just a little bit easier. We are there for you, so you can continue to provide excellent care and education for your children.

What we offer.



Participating in Satellite

Participation Type	Support
Everyone	• Live trainings • Recorded webinar • Quality-focused resources • Monthly newsletter
Satellite’s quality improvement project participants	All supports listed above, plus: • Consultant • Equipment and curriculum unit loans • Program assessment resources • Developmental screening and assessment tools
-and- Accreditation system participants at the affiliate & associate levels	• All professional learning opportunities including book studies and communities of practice • Regional social events • Educator appreciation events • Support groups • Mentoring program • Leadership opportunities
Satellite accredited programs	All supports listed above, plus these benefits: • Family referral program • 4 or 5 Star YoungStar rating

Interested in joining Satellite’s Accreditation System?

Complete our application by scanning or clicking the QR code to get started.



Consultant

Why it matters.

Your consultant supports your professional growth and focus on high-quality early care and education.

Consultants provide space for you to reflect, celebrate achievements, work through challenges, create and achieve goals. Resources and support are customized to your specific needs and interests.

What we do.

Your consultant follows your lead, providing individualized support.

Consultants arrive for helpful, regularly scheduled onsite visits and are available as-needed between visits. Have a problem and don't know who to ask for help? Call your consultant.

Satellite accreditation system participants: Your consultant guides you through the process, helping you align your program to the accreditation standards — and then supports your professional journey beyond accreditation.

Who can access this support.

Participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite associate, affiliate, and accredited programs receive a consultant.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Apply to join Satellite's accreditation system to be paired with an accreditation consultant by scanning or clicking the QR code

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- ➡ Contact Satellite at satellitefcc@reachdane.org to find out if there's a quality improvement project in your area.



Professional Development

Why it matters.

Ongoing professional learning strengthens your understanding and use of current recommendations for teaching and nurturing our youngest learners.

What we do.

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 often focuses on home-based programming and mixed-age groups.

Who can access this support.

Participation type	Can attend...
Everyone	• Live trainings • Recorded webinars
Participants of Satellite’s quality improvement projects -and- Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs	All supports listed above, plus: • Book studies • Communities of practice • Safety Saturday

How to access this support.

- ➡ View Satellite’s professional development calendar, found on our website, in our monthly newsletter, or by scanning or clicking the QR code.
- ➡ Register for a professional learning opportunity.



Equipment Loan Program

Why it matters.

Children in settings with developmentally appropriate equipment remain more actively engaged in the program — which leads to better emotional regulation, self-control, and independence.

What we do.

We offer loans of **high-quality equipment** such as climbers, lofts, shelves and chairs. Loans are for 3 or 6 months, depending on the item. Items can be renewed if there isn't a waiting list. Your consultant delivers these items to your program.

Equipment loans are useful if you:

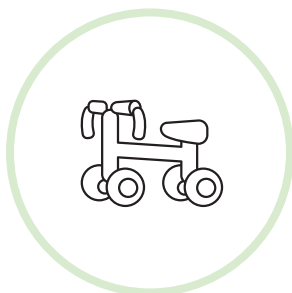
- lack money for purchasing high quality equipment
- need age-specific items for a limited period of time, such as an extra infant mealtime chair
- have limited storage space for rotating equipment
- want to offer your children special items on a temporary basis, like our wind tunnel and reflection house
- want to try something before purchasing it from a store

Who can access this support.

Participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request equipment by scanning or clicking the QR code or speak with your consultant.



Curriculum Unit Loan Program

Why it matters.

Children in settings with stimulating, engaging materials develop better physical, cognitive, language, and social-emotional skills. High-quality early education programs rotate materials based on children's unique interests and developmental needs.

What we do.

We offer [open-ended, theme-based curriculum units](#) to elevate your curriculum development and implementation. They are designed to work with any curriculum and educational philosophy. Their contents support children's development in the areas of STEM, language, social-emotional, and motor skills.

Curriculum units provide:

- over 40 theme-based options
- a rotation of materials, reducing your need for storage space
- high-quality materials that may otherwise be cost prohibitive
- fun and unusual items
- variety in material types, such as wood, cloth, wool and stone
- items embracing and demonstrating aspects of diversity, including cultural, racial, language and family differences
- options for groups of children at varying developmental levels

Who can access this support.

Open to participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request curriculum units by scanning or clicking the QR code or speak with your consultant.



Sensory Support Items

Why it matters.

Children struggle to learn and grow when their nervous system is unregulated. Some young children need more sensory processing support than others. Sensory support items help children seek, avoid, or understand certain sensory experiences so they can better participate in your program. Examples include spinning tools, visual reminders, and noise-reducing headphones.

What we do.

We offer loans of [sensory support items](#) such as pressure, resistance, and weighted materials, swivel chairs, and visual aids. Sensory support item loans allow you to experiment with different items and techniques, determining what the child responds to well before purchasing items for your program.

Loans are for 3 months and may be renewed if there isn't a waiting list. Your consultant delivers these items to your program.

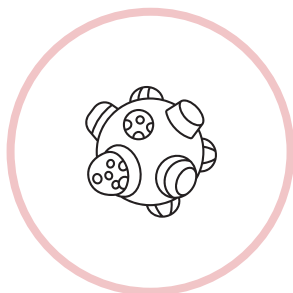
Who can access this support.

Participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request by scanning or clicking the QR code or speak with your consultant.

Effective use of sensory support items may require training or support from a professional.



Lending Library

Why it matters.

Early childhood education resource books inspire, teach, and motivate you to continue learning and growing in a specific topic area.

What we do.

We offer a [resource book library](#) with content in early childhood education, family child care business, and program assessment. Loans are for 3 months. Books may be renewed when there isn't a waiting list. Your consultant either delivers books to your program or mails them to you.

Who can access this support.

Participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite associate, affiliate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request resource books by scanning or clicking the QR code.
- ➡ Ask your consultant for book suggestions that support your interest areas and goals.



Professional Community

Why it matters.

Professional communities are spaces to socialize with, learn from, feel connected to, and lean on other family child care educators. Social connections lower work-related stress and boost professional identity.

What we do.

We offer opportunities to grow your professional support network, providing solidarity and outlets for celebrating successes. Our events honor the important work you do every day.

Satellite builds professional community across Wisconsin by offering...

- **educator appreciation events** to celebrate and bring together family child care educators within the same region to relax, socialize, share a meal, and receive gifts of appreciation.
- **social gatherings** to connect family child care educators within the same region to share a meal and participate in an optional social activity like board games or art.
- **support groups** such as Noche Latina.

Who can access this support.

Open to participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ View Satellite's social event calendar, found on our website, in our monthly newsletter, or by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Mentoring Program

Why it matters.

Mentoring is a relationship-based process between colleagues in similar professional roles, with a more experienced individual providing guidance and example to the less experienced (the mentee). The mentee receives individualized, ongoing support and encouragement and the mentor strengthens their interpersonal, leadership, and communication skills.

What we do.

Satellite's mentoring program connects experienced Satellite educators with those who are new or simply desire a mentoring connection. Mentors must operate a Satellite accredited family child care program—or—have retired from an accredited program.

Mentees may request support in the following topics:

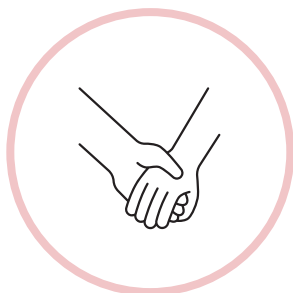
- Business and administration of family child care programs
- Curriculum, activities, environment & other program planning
- Working with families
- Supporting children's needs

Who can access this support.

Participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Complete the mentoring interest survey by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Developmental Screening & Assessment

What it does.

Developmental screening: A tool that tracks children's development at a moment in time. Identifies potential delays and areas for further assessment.

Developmental assessment: A tool that monitors children's development over time. Includes what comes next and celebrates developmental achievements.

What we offer.

Satellite offers the following tools to participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

- **Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP):** A developmental assessment tool measuring children's development on a continuum. The tool is organized into developmental domains, each with measures that include descriptors and examples of developmental level. The tool includes resources for collecting observations and communicating with families.
- **Ages & Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3):** A developmental screening tool that captures developmental progress in communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal social skills for children 1 month to 5 ½ years old.
- **Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2):** A developmental screening tool that captures developmental progress in self-regulation, compliance, social-communication, adaptive functioning, autonomy, affect, and interaction with people for children 1 month to 6 years old.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request the tool by scanning or clicking the QR code.

Your consultant is available to help you learn to use these tools in your program.



Program Quality Assessment

What it does.

A *program quality assessment* measures current practice related to evidence-based care and educational experiences. It identifies areas of growth toward best practices.

What we offer.

Satellite offers the following assessment tools to participants of Satellite's quality improvement projects and Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

Satellite Accreditation Standards for Family Child Care Programs:

The Satellite Accreditation Standards allow programs the flexibility to implement high-quality, research-based practices through a lens honoring diversity and child-centered care. They include all areas of a family child care program's functioning. Consultants utilize these standards first.

Satellite offers the following program assessment tools for educators desiring additional tools and perspectives:

- **Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care**, Second Edition (BAS): A tool for evaluating and improving the overall quality of business and professional practices in family child care programs.
- **Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale**, Third Edition (FCCERS-3): An observational assessment of overall program quality in home-based programs.
- **Infant and Toddler Environment Rating Scale**, Third Edition (ITERS-3): An observational assessment of overall program quality in programs serving children birth to 36 months.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Request the tool by scanning or clicking the QR code.

Your consultant is available to help you learn to use these tools in your program.



Leadership Opportunities

Why it matters.

Experienced family child care program owners have unique expertise in mixed-age curriculum, individualized teaching, and business management. Leadership opportunities further your efforts to advocate for and guide others toward high-quality programming, efficient child care systems, and personal wellbeing.

What we do.

Satellite offers the following leadership opportunities...

- Mentoring program mentor
- Advisory committee member
- Support group leader
- Professional learning supporter
 - Panel discussion member
 - Book study co-facilitator
 - Guest speaker
 - Interviewee
 - High-quality practice model

Who can access this support.

Open to Satellite affiliate, associate, and accredited programs.

How to access this support.

- ➡ Apply to join Satellite's accreditation system by scanning or clicking the QR code.
- ➡ Talk with your consultant about leadership opportunities that may be right for you.



***Only for Satellite's Accredited Programs**

Family Referral Program

What it does.

Our family referral program provides programs enrollment assistance by offering families a list of current and future child care openings in Satellite accredited programs.



What we do.

Families completing the referral form on our website receive a list of all accredited programs, along with current and future program openings. Families receive the information that you provide to us, including the age range and available schedule for each opening and the date available. Families also receive information about all Satellite accredited programs, including each program philosophy and educator's formal education, unique skills, and accolades.

YoungStar Rating

Why it matters.

Family child care programs achieving accreditation are recognized as meeting the highest standards in home-based early care and education.

Your program's YoungStar rating acknowledges your teaching and business practices within Wisconsin's quality rating system. Some families utilize YoungStar ratings in determining the right program for their child.

What we do.

Upon Satellite accreditation, programs receive either a 4 or 5 Star rating through YoungStar, along with all associated benefits. The star level for accredited programs is determined by your college education, which you must submit to The Wisconsin Registry.

- 4 Star rating — educator below Registry level 12
- 5 Star rating — educator at or above Registry level 12

Have Questions?

Please contact us.

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