

Satellite Family Child Care System

2025 Annual Report

Including 4th quarter data

Satellite Family Child Care System, established in 1975, currently serves family child care programs throughout Wisconsin with accreditation, quality improvement and support services.

Satellite's Accreditation Standards

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- Interactions and Relationships
- Physical Environment, Equipment and Materials
- Daily Program for Children
- Supporting Children's Development
- Health, Safety and Nutrition in the Family Child Care Home
- Business Management and Professionalism

Participation in Satellite's Accreditation System

Affiliate programs are new to Satellite, often having joined within the last 0-2 years. These programs are beginning their work towards meeting all accreditation standards and becoming fully accredited.

Associate programs are on the second step of the journey to accreditation. They have often been participating in Satellite for between 6 months-3 years. These programs are working towards meeting all accreditation standards and becoming fully accredited.

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Once a program is accredited, it must continue to meet the Satellite Accreditation Standards to maintain that status. Every 18-21 months, the program participates in a reaccreditation process.