



Fall 2010

A System of City of Madison Accredited Family Child Care

Sentiments from Satellite

Annette Kornell, Satellite Director

As the new school year begins and fall is in the air, we feel the excitement and anticipation of what is to come. The leaves change colors and fall from their branches, preparing the tree for renewal and new growth. At Satellite, we've also seen renewal and new growth. We continually strive to enhance our services to better meet the needs of our providers and families. While we have excellent systems and a fantastic team of professionals already in place, here are a few tweaks you may have noticed:

- **An improved referral list.** We've added zip codes and website addresses and clarified other information. Also, we began sending the referral list out to providers in a monthly email to better keep openings updated and to let providers see what openings (or lack of) are available in an area. Please remember to let us know when you have any changes in your openings!
- **Expanded respite.** We now have much greater flexibility in respite scheduling, with three experienced respite providers, and we are now offering respite on Fridays. We'll also use respite staff to provide child care for our evening trainings.
- **An updated website.** Not only have we launched our new and improved Satellite website, <http://satellitefcc.com/>, we're also making it possible for all accredited providers to have a web presence on our site. Make sure we have your information! Further, families who request a referral list from our site will soon receive it automatically and immediately.
- **We're going green.** Please make sure we have your email address! We regularly communicate with providers and families by email. We will be sending out a newsletter three times a year from now on, electronically only. We will still send our annual January mailing to providers, but otherwise our email messages and our website are the ways for both families and providers to find out about trainings and other events and opportunities, receive the latest Satellite news, and to stay informed of the developments in the child care field.

Satellite recognizes that each of our providers offers a unique program to meet the diverse needs of different children and families. The ability to customize our services to meet the varying needs of providers is one of the things I appreciate most about Satellite. I've had the pleasure of visiting well over half of the homes of current providers at one time or another. I'd appreciate the opportunity to become more familiar with all of our wonderful Satellite homes and to hear your thoughts on how we can better serve you. Please contact me if you'd welcome a visit to your program and let me know when would be a good time or if there's a special program activity you'd like me to attend—you can email me at AKornell@dcpcinc.org or call (608)270-3441. ☺



2010 Advisory Committee

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Next Advisory
Committee Meeting is
November 4, 2010
at 6:30 pm at DCPC
(2096 Red Arrow
Trail)

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Satellite Means Four Stars with YoungStar!

The YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care has passed and implementation is underway. Satellite Accreditation is recognized by the System as an indicator of quality and equals a 4-star rating on the scale. Educational level can bring an accredited family child care provider to the 5-star level. For more information on how YoungStar affects you, please visit <http://wecanaeyc.org/> for resources, training opportunities and webcasts. For families seeking care, a listing of accredited centers and family child care homes can be found on the YoungStar website at <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/>

A Spot is Waiting for You on Our Advisory Committee

Satellite is looking for a new advisory committee family member! Having a child in the care of a Satellite provider and caring about family child care are the only qualifications you need. Contact us today to find out how you can shape the future of family child care in Wisconsin.

Free Playgroup for Children, Families, and Providers

Play and Learn is a free playgroup for children and their caregivers that meets once a week for activities that include stories, cooking, pretending, building, or crafts for caregivers and children to do together. Caregivers can be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-home day care providers, or anyone caring for young children. Children that are birth to five years old and residents of the Madison Metropolitan School District are eligible to attend the Madison programs. Call 663-1632 or visit <http://mmsd.org/> for more information.

Verona Child Care Association Holds Bucky Books Fundraiser

The Verona Family Child Care Association is selling Bucky Books as a fundraiser. If you are interested in saving money on things and services you already use, just give Mary Ellen Tremelling a call! Many are 2-for-1 offers. Cops food stores and PDQ stores also sell these books. Please help out the child care association with your purchase! Books are \$35.00 each. Coupons are good from September 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. You can contact Mary Ellen at 608-278-0253 or email kidsplaycare@att.net.

New Madison Smoke Alarm Ordinance Is In Effect

As of **August 15, 2010**, all residential buildings within the City of Madison, including owner-occupied single-family residences, must have smoke alarms installed in the following areas:

- In each bedroom
- In each sleeping area
- Within six feet of each door leading to a bedroom or sleeping area of each unit
- On each floor of the building

For more information, visit www.madisonfire.org

Provider News

Satellite would like to congratulate Denise Mirkin on her 25 years of Satellite membership!

Denise has been teaching children and meeting the City Standards for 25 years, truly a testament to Denise's commitment to providing a quality child care program for the families she works with. Denise started her teaching career in Israel where she taught for 3 years before relocating to the United States.

Denise is an original, founding member of the Sojourn support group and has also been a member of this amazing group for 25 years.

Denise feels fortunate to have always had the support of her family, husband Les and her two daughters, Talya, now 27 and Leora, 20, both of whom taught her everything she knows about children! Denise is currently co-teaching with her friend and colleague, Marcy, who trained with Denise 15 years ago.

Satellite is proud that Denise has stayed with us through the good and bad times and that she has always been such a strong supporter of not only Satellite but of quality child care. Congratulations, Denise and thank you for your membership!

Congratulations to Julie Walker, who in June graduated from the two-year Lifeways Early Childhood Program. Lifeways is a program that is inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner and Waldorf education. Lifeways offers training and support for family child care providers caring for children birth to 6 years old. The Lifeways practices are based on continuity of care, development of mind and body, nurturing, the creative arts and the development of healthy social interactions. ☺

Congratulations to Melva Irene Shackelford and Chris Torres on 20 years of City of Madison Accreditation! Thank you for being part of Satellite.

Referral Information for Quarter 2 of 2010:

Satellite received 161 referral requests in April, May, and June of 2010.

140 were for the 0-2 age group
18 were for the 3-5 age group
3 were for age 6 and up

114 were for full-time care
47 were for part-time care

Remember to let us know when you have changes in your openings! Help us keep your information on our referral list up-to-date. Contact Satellite at 270-3438.



Provider Reminders

- If you receive a notice of noncompliance from your regulatory agency, please send a copy to Satellite.
- Regulation requires that you have a working phone on the premises. If you use only a cell phone and take it with you when you leave, you may be leaving a substitute or respite provider out of compliance. When using respite services, the provider is responsible for insuring that a phone is available for use by the respite staff.
- Providers are responsible for maintaining an appropriate level of liability insurance coverage for their programs. Your consultant can help you find an insurance carrier that will meet your needs.
- The annual City Rate Survey will be coming to accredited providers in Madison soon. Please complete and return it promptly.
- Let us know if you need respite! Contact Satellite at 270-3438 to schedule. Remember to use your 2010 coupons!

Professional Development

For more information or to RSVP contact the Satellite office at 270-3438.

Events are held at Dane County Parent Council (2096 Red Arrow Trail) unless otherwise noted.

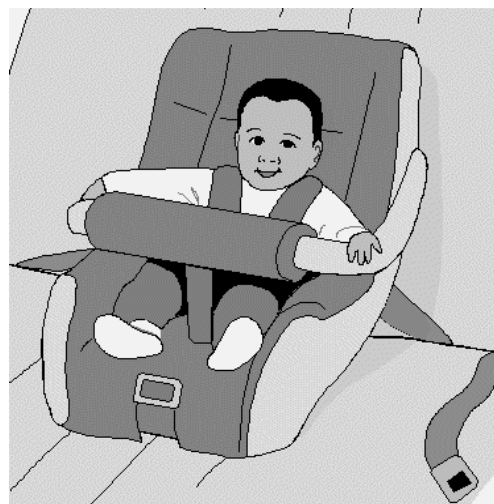
Dates to Remember

September 29	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) overview for parents and providers, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at DCPC. Childcare will be available; please RSVP to Satellite.
October 19	Sojourn meeting, 6:30 pm. Contact Satellite for location.
October 29	Arcoiris meeting, 6:30 pm at DCPC
November 4	Satellite Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm, DCPC
November 11-13	WECA Conference in Madison
November 16	Sojourn meeting, 6:30 pm. Contact Satellite for location.
November 26	Arcoiris meeting, 6:30 pm at DCPC
December 1	Satellite Provider Dinner. Location TBA
December 16	Sojourn meeting, 6:30 pm. Contact Satellite for location.

Rent a Car Seat

Providers: Are you currently transporting children? Do you have to work to remind parents to leave car seats in the morning? Do you have to lug car seats from the house to your vehicle every time you want to travel? There may be a more efficient option.

You can rent car seats through Dean Care. You pay a \$15.00 refundable deposit (you get this back when you return all the car seats). Dean then charges you \$5.00 for each car seat for a six (6) month rental. Each participant is required to enroll in and complete a one (1) hour car seat safety course. These courses are offered the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Dean Fish Hatchery Road clinic.



For more information or to sign up for this great program contact: Sherri Faust by phone at 608-827-2327 or by email at Sherri.Faust@deancare.com. You can also check out the brochure at deancare.com; click on Foundation, then click on Education programs, and click on Every Ride A Safe Ride.

Purchasing Consortium to Benefit Wisconsin Child Care Centers

The Celebrate Children Foundation has established a purchasing consortium to provide discounts on everyday expenditures like janitorial and cleaning supplies, building and grounds maintenance, payroll processing, and first-aid and personal care products. Membership is free for all family and group child care centers in Wisconsin. For more information visit <http://www.celebrate-children.org/consortium/>.

Play Dough is Great Fun and Good for You!

Susan Engels, Family Child Care Consultant and Respite Provider

We love it, kids love it and no home or classroom is complete without it. Play dough is a great small manipulative material, science and math experiences abound. And don't even get me started on the endless art and creative expression opportunities play dough provides. I'm sure we all have a warm, fuzzy play dough memory.

I, like many of you, have made **a lot** of play dough in my 30+ years in the early childhood field. Some batches have been smooth and pliable, while others have been as lumpy as bad gravy or, worse yet, as stiff as a tree in the Petrified Forest. We've all made them. Yes, the batches where the color won't blend no matter how much you work it. Oh, or how about the batches that start off so soft and moldable and the next day they suck all the moisture from your hands leaving you with dry, itchy lumps at the end of your wrists.

Well I'm pleased to say that I was introduced to a great recipe the other day while doing a respite for one of our wonderful Satellite members. This dough is creamy, soft and moist. Heck I almost ate it! The oil in it works like a moisturizer for your hands and not a wet vac. It is truly soft enough for even the youngest hands to work and enjoy. Honestly, it feels so good to squeeze, squish, and pound that you don't even want to eat it for fear you won't have enough to work with your hands.



Children can play a large role in making it since it doesn't require cooking. They enjoy measuring, pouring, counting, and mixing the other ingredients. Be careful with the boiling water, definitely the adult job in the process.

Experiment with the children and try blending and mixing the ingredients together in different ways or order. This is a great opportunity to gather children's input and opinions. Play dough is a terrific way to strengthen those little hand muscles and work on pre-writing literacy skills.

As we begin heading indoors to avoid the wind, rain, cooler temps, and eventually the snow, try this recipe with your children. Enjoy the hours of fun that await you! Happy molding, people! ☺

No-Cook Play Dough

2 cups Boiling Water

2½ cups Flour

½ cup Salt

3 Tbsps vegetable oil

1 Tbsp Cream of Tartar

Food coloring

Boil water and add food coloring. After water begins boiling add oil and salt. Pour mix over the flour and cream of tartar. Mix.

Do not add any more flour until mixture has cooled. It will appear thin when it's hot at first. It will thicken as it cools.

Let children work with the dough when it is still warm, as soon as it is safely possible. What a great sensory experience this is.

in **RECOGNITION** and **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your dedication to quality family child care. Your contributions are strengthening our community, raising up our profession, and truly making a difference.

Thank you to:

- Shannon Davis for the easel and geo boards
- Amy Gannaway and Bruce Broker for a donation to the general fund
- An anonymous donor, for a contribution to the fund to provide reduced fees for income eligible providers and families
- Sharon Meyer for donating equipment and toys
- Chris Garrett for the Wonderful Weather Kit, the matching game, the tool/implement and sequencing cards, and the food kit.
- Sharon Nash for the donation of toys and equipment
- Sarah Koeshall and a thoughtful parent for the donation of paper end rolls for our providers
- Rita Kehl and Connie Lent for the WMELS training
- Connie Williams for presenting "Bringing the Outdoors In" and providing ideas and inspiration for our providers and staff
- Judy Ballweg for her energy and enthusiasm in presenting the Summer Math Series
- Madison Rotary Foundation for funding our Summer Math Series
- ARRA-EHS Expansion grants for funding for unit and training support
- Dane County Parent Council for providing buses and drivers for our parade of homes, porta cribs to add to our equipment rotation, and great responsiveness when our office space flooded
- UW-OCCFR for continued collaboration and support
- Scott Steffens and Herzing University for technical support

Join us for the WECA Conference!

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association's 56th Annual Conference: Nurturing Quality Together

Satellite is partnering with WECA this year in their annual conference, and all of our members are eligible to attend the conference at the WECA member rate. The conference will be held November 11 through 13 at the Marriott Madison West. Visit <http://www.wecanaeyc.org/conference/> for details. Be sure to stop by our booth to say hello and pick up your complimentary Satellite backpack! Backpacks are available to all our providers and also to anyone who submits a completed Satellite provider application, so tell your friends!

Scholarships for Early Learning Professionals

The Celebrate Children Foundation is to present the Wisconsin Family Child Care Association (WFCCA) and WECA with funds to support the professional development of child care providers throughout Wisconsin. The foundation will provide 20 \$150 scholarships to early learning professionals who wish to enroll in the Self Study with the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) <http://www.nafcc.org/>