

What is Family Child Care?

Family child care is relationship-based care which takes place in a provider's home. It promotes strong relationships between providers, the children, their families, and the extended family connected to them.



What is Satellite?

Satellite is a non-profit agency. Funding sources include the City of Madison, United Way of Dane County, and membership fees from providers and their families in care.

Satellite providers care for small groups of children in their homes. Satellite offers City of Madison Accreditation, which is a higher standard of regulation than State Licensing or County Certification. Satellite consultants visit providers on a regular basis to ensure that they are meeting Accreditation Standards.



Benefits of Satellite membership . . .

For Providers

- ◆ **City of Madison Accreditation**
providing a set of standards for high quality care.
- ◆ **Consultation**
one-on-one consultation for providers in starting and maintaining a quality family child care business.
- ◆ **Home visits**
by professional Consultants for technical assistance and support.
- ◆ **Business support**
including policies and forms for enrolling families.
- ◆ **Continuing education opportunities**
available at no cost or a reduced fee, including our annual conference and entry level training.
- ◆ **Support**
building relationships with other providers through trainings, support groups and mentorship programs.
- ◆ **Qualified respite staff (substitutes)**
to care for your group in the event that you need time for professional development, appointments, family obligations, paperwork, relaxation, etc.
- ◆ **Equipment to borrow**
including unit kits (a collection of toys & materials centered around a theme), large motor equipment, and a resource library for both you and your families in care.

"Satellite is like a big hug. They've wrapped their arms around me and that helps me to strive to provide high quality child care."

Provider

For Families

- ◆ **Accredited Care**
through the City of Madison, ensuring you receive high quality child care for your family.
- ◆ **On-going monitoring**
of Satellite family child care programs through regular visits from our trained Consultants.
- ◆ **Information**
about child care and child related issues.
- ◆ **Consultation**
with Satellite Consultants regarding child care or other parenting questions or concerns.
- ◆ **Advisory Committee**
built of community, parent and provider members.

"Satellite best serves my family by serving my child care provider. Any and all the support she receives helps me!"

Family



City Accreditation means Quality Child Care for Madison Area Families.

Providers who are members of Satellite make a commitment to become City Accredited and offer quality family child care that meets a higher set of standards than state licensing or county certification regulations require.

Although each family child care program is unique, City of Madison Accreditation promotes high quality in each home setting.

To become City of Madison Accredited, providers must complete a thorough accreditation process with a Satellite Child Care Consultant. This unique City Accreditation process emphasizes many hours of direct observation of the program in action with children.

City of Madison Accreditation is recognized on the proposed Governor's KidsFirst Quality Rating Scale.

"I cannot imagine my program without Satellite. My relationship with Satellite is beyond membership."

Provider



A System of City of Madison Accreditation for Family Child Care

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Choosing Quality Accredited Child Care

When you entrust the care of your child to another person, you are making an important decision. Parents/guardians should visit, ask questions, and consider these things:

Does the Provider...

respond to each child in a warm, friendly manner; give each child individual attention and accept different cultural values; have a desire for continued improvement through training; and offer references?

Is the Home...

City Accredited; pleasant, clean and comfortable; set up to encourage a variety of play; and a place your child will enjoy?

Does the Program offer...

a variety of active/quiet activities; indoor/outdoor play; healthy snacks & meals; rest time; special activities; artistic & creative musical expression; reading; and PLAY?

Is the child care Philosophy...

compatible with your own approach; encouraging self-help and expression; promoting independence and problem solving?

Are there Opportunities ...

for each child to be a member of a community and to respect differences & similarities?

Do the Health and Safety practices...

comply with current regulations and offer a clean, safe environment?

Are the Materials and Equipment...

developmentally appropriate; in good working order; able to meet every aspect of your child's development?



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