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Another award brings glory to the South Loop

a neighborhood entrepreneur is number one in 2010

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By Bonnie McGrath

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This morning on Channel 7's "Chicagoing" host Bill Campbell interviewed a woman named Kimberlee Burt who is being honored this week for running an outstanding child care business only a couple of blocks from my house. Who knew that such greatness existed at 11th and Wabash? Other than the kids and their parents, of course, who are taking advantage of Burt's developmentally appropriate curriculum, hands-on cross-curricular learning, regular parent and child outings, and a night and weekend care program?



Kimberlee Burt

Burt told Campbell that before she opened her business, she had lots of ideas about child care (she has a master's degree in "curriculum and instruction" and also helped raise her toddler nephew when his mother passed away) but that she had no business acumen. So she went to the Women's Business Development Center in Chicago to learn about business and finance. She told Campbell she developed skills that allowed her to sit down at a bank, for instance, and talk turkey. After a while, she fulfilled her dream and opened "A Child's Space."

Now the WBDC is honoring Burt during a luncheon Wednesday at it's 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference at McCormick Place, and giving her it's 2010 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year-Rising Star Award.

And what does South Loop businesswoman Burt think of it all? She told Campbell that if you have a fear of doing something, "do it anyway." Like she did. "If you never have a dream, you'll never have a dream come true."

It's nice to have someone like Burt running a business in the neighborhood.

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Another award, that is really a great one. Congratulations to the South Loop. Keep up the great job. - YOR Health

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