



Child Care Business

WBDC Quarterly Newsletter



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September 2010

24th Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference and Women's Business & Buyers Mart

It is our pleasure to invite you and your colleagues to the 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference, Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the oldest conference and business opportunities fair for women in business in the country, and the premier event for women business owners in the Midwest. This year's conference will be held September 22, 2010 at McCormick Place-West in Chicago. Please take note of our new location for this year's event.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.wbdc.org/> or call us at 312 853 3477 ex. 0

Congratulations Kimberlee!!



Kimberlee J. Burt
Executive Director & Owner
A Child's Space

Winner, 2010 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year - Rising Star Women's Business Development Center: 24th Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference

Founded in 2002, Kimberlee Burt is the owner, creator and executive director of A Child's Space Early Learning Center that services over 50 children between the ages of 6 weeks

and 6 years of age, located in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood. A Child's Space provides a range of services including, a full developmentally appropriate preschool readiness curriculum with integrated sign language, hands-on cross curricular learning, regular parent and child outings, and a Night and Weekend care program. Additionally, they recently acquired a school bus, that the children affectionately call the "Happy

Online Resources for Child care Providers

[Step by Step Guide to Resources for Starting a Child Care Business](#)

[Licensing by Illinois Department of Children and Family Services](#)

[Illinois Action For Children](#)

Upcoming Events

[Beginning September 28: Developing Your Child Care Business 10 week series workshop](#)

Developing Your Family Child Care Business is a facilitator-led interactive learning process for individuals wanting to launch or grow successful family child care and center based businesses. The program covers topics that help participants think and act as business owners.

Bus," and plan to expand their services to include full transportation services in 2010.>>>[more](#)

12th Annual Child Care Business Expo

Planting Seeds of Growth and Resilience in the New Economy



WBDC Honors Exemplary Child Care Providers and Activists Jeanne Neifert, Martina Rocha and Camille Gant

The 12th Annual Child Care Business Expo (CCBE) was held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers. Over 600 providers and friends participated. The CCBE offered child care entrepreneurs a day of reflection and action, providing access to creative solutions to today's business issues and to a much needed network of resources and support.

There was a number of panel discussions and workshops offered in both English and Spanish, with veteran providers and industry experts, including child care expert Tom Copeland.

Thank you to everyone that attended, participated, and helped make it a success!



WBDC presented its Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award in Child Care: Maria Rojas and Darlene Pokorny

Success Stories

Martina Rocha

In addition to receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award, this Childcare activist was also featured in an article written by Stephanie N. Lehman, which was featured in a few Northern Suburban news websites. Click on the link below to check it out!

[Round Lake Park Business Women Wins Child Care Award](#)

Gloria's Casita Infantil

Obtaining a license for their home based child care center in

New Workshop Webinar: Living Your Passion!

Living your Passion: Tools for educating and caring for children!

Your passion for working with young children drives you. Now make that passion work for you with tools from Gateways to Opportunity and Quality Counts. Gain insight on what drives your passion and learn how to gain more education, make more money and offer even a higher quality of care.

In Partnership with Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (INCCRRA)

Date: November 5, 2010
Time: 1:00pm

Excellent Opportunity for Child Care Providers

Green Exchange, 2545 W. Diversey Ave. will be a community of businesses and organizations that are working to advance environmental responsibility, social responsibility, and or health and wellness all located in a newly renovated, state of the art LEED Platinum building.

The development team is actively looking for a *childcare provider* to open an operation at Green Exchange. They