HELP FOR STARTING A NEW BUSINESS

KANSAS SMALL BUSINESS DEVLEOPMENT CENTER

The Kansas Small Business Development Center offers confidential, no-cost advising to help start or grow a business. Offering over 75 training events each year to support entrepreneurs. For more information see their website at: https://www.wichita.edu/research/ksbdc/index.php

Center is located in the WSU Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E 29th Street North.

Contact: (316) 978-3193 or ksbdc@wichita.edu.

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES OR SCORE

SCORE has the largest network of free volunteer small business mentors in the nation. Programs include live and on-demand webinars and courses. Their Startup Roadmap includes a set of tools to assist entrepreneurs launch their business and to stay on track.

For more information: https://www.score.org/

SPARK Community Business Academy

The <u>SPARK Academy</u> is a 12-week program designed for new and growing businesses. They offer training in planning, financials, and management with curriculum tailored to minority entrepreneurs.

Contact Alejo Cabral at acabral@createcampaignks.com for more details or with any questions. You can also complete an inquiry form online.

NetWork Kansas Referral Center and Resource Navigator

NetWork Kansas' Referral Center staff is available to help entrepreneurs and small business owners access business-building resources from their non-profit partners.

Call **877-521-8600** to speak with a Referral Coordinator who can help you navigate through partner resources or visit their website to use their Resource Navigator.

C3S Business Support Service

Consultants from Community Connections Consulting Services LLC (C3S) offer many support services to small business owners. The firm's services focus on supporting backend business needs so that owners can focus more attention on their clients. Services include:

- Bookkeeping
- Payroll Support
- Client Relations
- Order Processing
- Email, Database, Calendar, Back Office, and Web Design Management
- And more!

Connect with their services online.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses. SBA contacts at the Wichita District Office can help small business clients seeking access to capital. They work directly with business owners to make an assessment of what they need and their level of readiness for financing.

Contact Janelle M. Jones (Lender Relations Specialist/Administrative Officer) by phone at (316) 269-6617 or email janelle.jones@sba.gov.

Kansas Workforce Centers

Kansas Workforce Centers offer a multitude of no cost services to employers. Some of these include:

- Job postings on KANSASWORKS.com
- Job fairs
- Applicant screening
- Coordination & facilitation of training programs
- Skills assessments & testing
- Labor market information, and more.

Visit their website for more info.

CML Collective, LLC.

CML Collective works with businesses and brands that prioritize inclusion to strengthen marketing and communication strategies. Services include graphic design, communications (project-based consulting), and business development.

For more information or to schedule a consultation, visit their website.

Create Campaign, Inc.

Create Campaign, Inc. offers consulting services, resources, events, and funding for urban entrepreneurs in Kansas. They focus specifically on helping minority businesses develop and grow.

For more info and/or to connect with their services visit their website.

Wichita Independent Business Association

WIBA offers benefits like networking, expertise, opportunities, and advocacy to its members. Visit their website to learn more about membership benefits.

The WSU Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE)

The Wichita State University Center for Entrepreneurship serves a connector for community startups and businesses, and campus innovation. CFE offers instructional support for people with ideas and startups, and guidance, resources and connections for area and family-owned businesses.

Contact Troy Tabor at troy.tabor@wichita.edu for more details or with any questions. You can also learn more about CFE on their website.

WSU Ignitor Idea Accelerator

Spark your ideas into a startup in just 8 weeks with this free community program. Ignitor is a platform to refine your business concepts, get help with validation, and provides access to training, resources, and mentors. Whether you have an idea or are looking to be more innovative, this accelerator introduces you to like-minded individuals in Wichita and surrounding areas and connects you with tools to inspire growth as an entrepreneur.

Contact Kiley Burris at kiley.burris@wichita.edu or visit their website for more information.