

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with the tools, guidance and support necessary to start, manage and grow successful and sustainable businesses.

Direct and personalized business assistance is provided to entrepreneurs through one-on-one professional consulting, training/workshops, assisting business owners to increase their sales, obtain loans, streamline operations, utilize new technologies, expand into new markets, and position themselves for long-term growth. All consulting is strictly confidential and our one on one advising is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Southern Illinois University and is offered at no cost to Illinois residents or businesses planning to move to Illinois.

Our team of professional consultants are not only advisors but also business owners with diverse backgrounds and expertise in a variety of areas such as financing, technology, social media, ecommerce, marketing and international trade, among others.

Whatever questions you have or goals you want to achieve, the Small Business Development Center at SIU can help. Feel free to give us a call at 618-536-2424 to set up a free, confidential appointment to see how we can help you succeed.

To keep up with small businesses updates, workshops, and clients in the news, [sign up for our email newsletter](#).

Last year (2018), working with our clients our team:

- Advised 287 clients
- Provided 1,380 hours of consulting
- Helped 25 entrepreneurs create new businesses
- Assisted 12 business expand
- Helped create 80 jobs and retain 114 jobs
- Leveraged \$1,523,095 in owner investment to \$3,950,305 of loans & equity investment.
- Held 22 business management training sessions

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
7/11/2019 9AM-11AM

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
8/7/2019 1PM-3PM

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
9/20/2019 9AM-11AM

[VETERAN'S BUSINESS ROADSHOW](#)
9/25/19 9AM-12PM (DETAILS
COMING)

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
10/7/2019 5PM - 7PM

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
11/5/2019 1PM - 3PM

[STARTING A BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS](#)
12/13/2019 9AM - 11AM

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