

# Self-Employment Services



Are you thinking about starting your own business or being an entrepreneur? There is much to consider. Both the would-be business owner and the people in his/her life who provide support and guidance must be well informed. The following is a list of places that can give you the help you need! Whether you need help writing a business plan or finding start-up monies, agencies listed below are there to get you on your way. While this list is not exhaustive by any means, it will provide you with enough information to begin reaching out for help to develop and implement your business ideas.

Please use this list, along with the Resource Information list, to begin building your business. Do not place this on a shelf and forget about it. If you are serious about starting your own business, USE THIS LIST! Each service agency listed also shows contact information. You may reach out by telephone or email, but reach out either way.

## SELF-EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE SERVICES

**Business Utility Zone Gateway** (BuzGate) is an award-winning entrepreneurial education and resource community serving small- and medium-sized businesses. Content promotes awareness and access to free government and nonprofit assistance programs and select business-to-business products and services tailored to driving venture startup, growth and profitability. Click these links, listed by service type, to find out more about services available for:

Business Advocacy [Business Advocacy](#)  
Business Counseling [Business Counseling](#)  
Business Funding [Business Funding](#)  
Business Incubators [Business Incubators](#)  
Business Marketing [Business Marketing](#)  
Business Real Estate [Business Real Estate](#)  
Business Start-up [Business Start Up](#)  
Business Training [Business Training](#)  
Disadvantaged Business [Disadvantaged Businesses](#)  
Environmental Business [Environmental Businesses](#)  
Women in Business [Women in Business](#)  
Workforce Development [Workforce Development](#)  
5 Steps to Successful Self-Employment [Five Steps to Successful Self Employment](#)

Website: [Business Gate](#)  
Contact: Follow site directions for contact  
Email: Follow site directions for contact  
Phone: Follow site directions for contact

**Center for Applied Research (CAR)** at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) serves as a solutions provider for local businesses, entrepreneurs, nonprofits and government agencies. CAR's services include facilitation, technology commercialization, prototyping and fabrication, short-run production work, product testing and research, environmental studies and analysis and strategic planning of local and regional economic development initiatives.

Website: [University of Southern Indiana](#)  
Contact: Steven Stump  
Email: Follow site for contact information  
Phone: 812-228-5094

**Elevate Ventures** hybrid approach to self-employment services

Website: [Elevate Ventures](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site directions for email

Phone: Follow site directions for phone

**Gayle & Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship** is an academic program for students who want to start a business upon graduation. Through Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington, students gain access to high level consulting to start or grow a business, as well as outreach programs for communities around south central Indiana that are looking to grow their small business base.

Website: [Ivy Tech Bloomington](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: [abarker67@ivytech.edu](mailto:abarker67@ivytech.edu)

Phone: (812) 330-6261

**Griffin-Hammis Associates** offers individualized technical consultation and may have fees involved. Visit their site and contact for more information.

Website: [Griffin Hammis](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: (770) 655-3787

**INBIZ** is here to help. From getting your business off the ground to day-to-day operations, INBiz's experts and user-friendly interface will guide you through the process step by step.

Website: [IN BIZ](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for local email

Phone: (317) 234-9768

**Indiana Economic Development Corporation** provides expert advice and trusted people. Indiana provides startup programs and access to some of the brightest minds in the Midwest.

Website: [Indiana Economic Development Corporation](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: [iedc@iedc.in.gov](mailto:iedc@iedc.in.gov)

Phone: (800) 463-8081

**Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (ORCA)**, in partnership with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC), works with local and regional communities to connect college-aged entrepreneurs who are motivated to start new businesses and grow the economy.

Website: [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#)

Contact: Follow site and look for Community Liaisons page

Email: Follow site and look for Community Liaisons page

Phone: (317) 233-3762

**Indiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)** is a part of the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (OSBE), a state agency existing under the management of the Lieutenant Governor's office. IN PTAC's primary mission is to help Hoosier small businesses identify, compete for, and win government contracts.

Website: [Indiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: Follow site for contact information

**Indiana Small Business Development Center** provides no cost business advising help including strategies, market research and business planning. The Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) helps entrepreneurs start stronger, grow faster, and work smarter. ... No matter your location, we have a regional office to serve your business needs!

Website: [Indiana Small Business Development Center](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow link at top to find your local contact

Phone: Follow link at top to find your local contact

**Indy Chamber** provides education and financial services to entrepreneurs through three teams:

**Business Ownership Initiative**

**Central Indiana Women's Business Center**

**Hispanic Business Council**

This one-on-one personalized business coaching is free of charge. Determine where you are, where you want to be, and walk away with a plan to get there. Coaching is available in Spanish!

Website: [Indy Chamber](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: (317) 464-2222

**JAN** (Job Accommodation Network) consultants handle inquiries related to self-employment and small business development for people with disabilities. If you have a question about starting your own small business, send it directly to a self-employment Consultant by using JAN on Demand for Self-Employment.

Website: [Job Accommodation Network](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: [jan@askjan.org](mailto:jan@askjan.org)

Phone: (800) 526-7234

**Mudd White Partners (MWP)** welcomes clients from all industries. They offer “knowledge and understanding of the unique challenges individuals with disabilities may face when developing a career or business.” Their approach is hands-on to partner with the entrepreneur and his/her circle of support.

Website: [Mudd White Partners](#)

Contact: Bernie Mudd-White, President

Email: [bernie@muddwhitepartners.com](mailto:bernie@muddwhitepartners.com)

Phone: (502) 523-9016

The **Neighborhood Self Employment Initiative, Inc.**, otherwise known as Business Ownership Initiative (BOI) promotes and inspires small business ownership among individuals who seek to improve their lives, the lives of their families, and their communities through self-generated income. BOI provides access to knowledge, skills, and resources to help individuals start or grow their own business. Though BOI serves all who seek its help, it targets those without access to the economic mainstream.

Website: [Neighborhood Self Employment Initiative.](#)

Contact: Sharon O'Donoghue

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: (317) 464-2222

**Portals LLC** provides services in these disability related areas:

[Self-Employment Services](#) include assessment, business plan writing, implementation support, and strategic planning.

[Home Modification Services](#) include assessment and project facilitation.

[Benefits Summary and Analysis](#) is a comprehensive, individualized, work-related report that provides education on current benefits, the effect of earnings on benefits, and how to use relevant work incentives.

[Purchasing](#) is a pain for many VR counselors. See how Portals LLC can help you today.

[Labor Market Review](#) helps identify if a specific occupation is feasible for a job seeker.

Website: [Portals LLC](#)

Contact: Jeff Hughes, Executive Director

Email: [jeffrey.hughes@portalsllc.org](mailto:jeffrey.hughes@portalsllc.org)

Phone: (317) 218-3997

**SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)** is the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, with more than 10,000 volunteers in 300 chapters. As a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE has helped more than 11 million entrepreneurs through mentoring, workshops and educational resources since 1964. With SCORE, you are not alone on your business journey. The list of SCORE Indiana offices are at [Service Corps of Retired Executives](#)

Website: [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow link above to find your local office

Phone: (317) 226-7264. Call this number for your local office

The **Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEA)** is designed to encourage and support unemployed workers in creating their own jobs by starting their own small businesses. Under these programs, States pay a self-employed benefit, instead of regular unemployment insurance benefits, to help unemployed entrepreneurs while they are establishing businesses and becoming self-employed.

Website: [Self-Employment Assistance Program](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: Follow site for contact information

**Social Security Administration** to find a BIN liaison closest to you. Click this link to search your area [Social Security Administration](#). Once found, contact this agency or person to receive a benefits analysis. If you are working with Vocational Rehabilitation, tell your counselor you would like a benefits analysis.

**Stonegate Arts and Education Center**, in Bedford, offers startup up companies incubation space. The facility offers classrooms, office space, workrooms and meeting rooms. In addition, the building is available to employers for workforce development and professional training classes. Browse their website to find out more.

Website: [Stonegate Arts & Education Center](#)

Contact: Several people listed

Email: Follow site for email

Phone: (812) 279-8126

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** is a United States government agency that provides support to entrepreneurs and small businesses. Find a **mentor** at [U.S. Small Business Administration](#). Are you looking for small business counseling and training close to home? SBA can help! SBA provides small business counseling and training through District Offices across the country. Business guidance and support is crucial to increasing your odds of long-term success. Find counseling, training and business development specialists providing free and low-cost services in your area.

Website: [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: [answerdesk@sba.gov](mailto:answerdesk@sba.gov)

Phone: (800) 827-5722

**Venture Club of Indiana** provides networking opportunities, education, and support to entrepreneurs and the innovation-minded, early-stage investors, and those who work with them through monthly meetings and special events.

Website: [Venture Club of Indiana](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: [info@ventureclub.org](mailto:info@ventureclub.org)

Phone: (317) 926-2723

**Venture Out Business Center** Services offered include basic utilities, building insurance and real taxes paid, centralized phone system with one phone provided, on-site business and management consultants through SBDC and SCORE, use of local fax machine, shared photocopier with 50 free copies per month and business resource library with computer workstation. Center is located in Madison, Indiana.

Website: [Venture Out Business Center](#)

Contact: Jeff Garrett, Manager

Email: Follow site directions for contact

Phone: (812) 273-6510

**Vocational Rehabilitation & Self-Employment Track for Vets** If you are a Service member or Veteran with a service-connected disability and an employment barrier who has the strong desire, skills, and drive to run a successful business, you may be interested in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Self-Employment track. Find out if you can get help starting your own business.

Website: [Vocational Rehabilitation & Self-Employment for Vets](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: (844) 698-2311

**WomensNet** helps women find real grants, loans, and other funding for their small businesses.

Website: [Womens Net](#)

Contact: None specified

Email: Follow site for contact information

Phone: Follow site for contact information



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