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About the Washington SBDC

Helping Washington Businesses

Grow & Succeed

The Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a network of more than 40 business advisors who work with small business owners across the state to help them start, grow or buy/sell a business.



Together...we help Washington businesses grow & succeed

SBDC Program History

- Small Business Act enacted into law in 1980.
- America's SBDC consists of 63 programs across the country. It's the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the United States and its territories.
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) co-operative agreement
- Hosted by Washington State University (WSU) since inception in 1980
 - Housed in WSU's Office of Research

SBDC Stakeholders and Partners

- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Washington State University
- Washington State Department of Commerce
- Subrecipient contract centers:
 - Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship
 - Economic Alliance of Okanogan County
 - Green River College
 - Highline College
 - Western Washington University
- Various economic development organizations

Washington SBDC Network

Mission

Helping Washington businesses grow and succeed through advising, education and research.

Vision:

To be Washington's world-class business advising service.

Values:

Innovation | Integrity | Collaboration





No Cost Advising Services

The Washington SBDC is your resource for expert advising, management training and market intelligence.

SBDC business advisors offer one-on-one, no cost, confidential advising to help you make informed business decisions in many areas of specialty and experience.

Planning or growing your business

- Analyzing financial statements
- Acquiring capital and managing cash flow
- Buying or selling businesses
- Exporting to markets around the world
- Market research
- Business systems and record keeping
- Getting and keeping customers
- Cost-cutting strategies
- Finding and keeping qualified employees
- Succession planning



How do we accomplish our mission?





















Low or no cost training services

- On demand or live webinars
- Facilitated by expert SBDC advisors



2024 Training



4,620

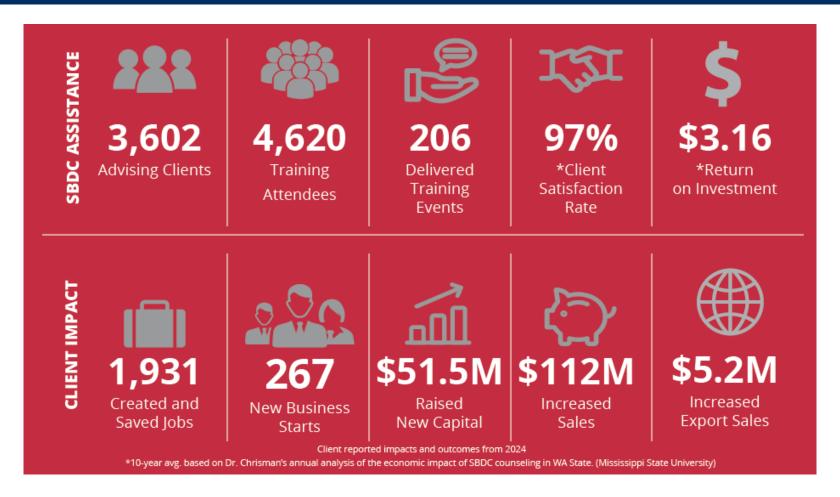
Training Attendees



206

Delivered Training Events

Economic Impact 2024 by the Numbers



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Compared to average Washington businesses, Washington SBDC clients increased revenue and created jobs at significantly greater rates than other Washington businesses.

+ JOB GROWTH +

8.8%

3.1%

average SBDC client

Washington average

 \uparrow SALES GROWTH \uparrow

18.2%

6.5%

average SBDC client Washington average

Washington SBDC clients generated \$8,454,557 of State tax revenue and \$2,673,778 of Federal tax revenue...totaling \$11,128,637!





97% of our clients say they would recommend SBDC services to others.

10-year avg. based on Dr. Chrisman's annual analysis of the economic impact of SBDC counseling in Washington State. (Mississippi State University)

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SBDC Clients



"Sometimes you don't need someone to hold your hand. Sometimes you need someone to challenge you." – Mari Borrero, co-owner

American Abatement & Demo,
Auburn



"The SBDC has great business coaches. All business owners should avail themselves of SBDC services. It's the only way to learn so much that you need to know. — Wilbur Bautista, co-owner

Acts Pharmacy and Healthcare Services, Tacoma



"It is like having a personal trainer for your business.
Rich's assistance is invaluable." – Susan Basher, owner

SASH Painting and Color Consulting, Burien

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What questions do you have?

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