

Fayetteville & Cumberland County Entrepreneur Support Contacts



Suzy Hrabovsky

CEED

The Center for Economic Empowerment & Development (CEED) is a non-profit organization with three programs; the CEED Business Center, the New Choices Program, and the Training Station. All the programs within CEED serve as a regional resource and advocacy center for women and families, enabling restoration of personal dignity through economic empowerment and development. Suzy Hrabovsky is the Executive Director at CEED.



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Chris Cauley

City of Fayetteville

The City of Fayetteville's Economic & Community Development Department engages with neighborhoods, community partners, and the private sector to build a stronger economy and community for all residents. The department improves community wealth, access to services and resiliency through neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing development, economic incentives, and Federal grants. Chris Cauley is the Director of the City of Fayetteville's Economic & Community Development Department.



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Cool Spring Downtown District

The Cool Spring Downtown District is a 0.55 square mile district in the central core of the City of Fayetteville. The District hosts over 100 businesses and award-winning restaurants, nationally renowned museums, and a growing residential population. Cool Spring is a nonprofit organization that provides downtown businesses and entrepreneurs resources and guidelines for success. Bianca Shoneman is the President & CEO of Cool Spring.



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Delores "Dee" Taylor

Cumberland County

Cumberland County's Community Development Department has economic development programs that assist "for-profit" businesses with start-up or expansion loans. There are also funds for public facilities and public service activities that help non-profit agencies carry out programs such as job skills training, health services, transportation and other needed services in the community. Dee Taylor is the Director of the Cumberland County Community Development Department.



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EDA University at FSU



The EDA University Center at Fayetteville State University provides program support for entrepreneurial and small business growth, with specific focus on traditionally marginalized populations within a six-county region neighboring Fayetteville State University (Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, and Sampson counties). Malika Mercer Bennett is the Director at EDA University Center at FSU.

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Robert Van Geons

FCEDC



The Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) is a public-private partnership designed to enhance job growth and prosperity across our community by attracting new industry and expanding existing industry. FCEDC identifies and prepares sites and buildings for expedited development and endlessly promotes our community's best assets for industry decision-makers, site-selectors, and developers. Robert Van Geons is the President and CEO of FCEDC.

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Kent Hill

FTCC



Fayetteville Technical Community College's (FTCC) Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship provides the foundation for those who are serious about starting or growing their businesses. It offers a variety of in-depth courses, such as the proven Ice House Entrepreneurial Mindset® and REAL Entrepreneurship® programs. Kent Hill is the Director of FTCC's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

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Shari Fiveash

Greater Fayetteville Chamber



The Greater Fayetteville Chamber provides programs to keep you in the know, enhancing your professional knowledge and business skills, which increases your competitive edge. It provides professional marketing support to increase awareness for your business, and Chamber membership gives your business credibility and positive impact on your reputation. Shari Fiveash is the President and CEO of the Chamber.

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Kimberly Scruton

Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship



The mission of the Center for Entrepreneurship is to prepare Methodist University students campus-wide to excel in entrepreneurial endeavors, including adopting an entrepreneurial mindset in any job, industry, or organization; starting new businesses; becoming successors to existing businesses; and being "intrapreneurs" in existing businesses. Kimberly Scruton is the Chair of the Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University.

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Heather Port

NCMBC

The North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) is a statewide business development and technology transition entity of the State of North Carolina, headquartered at and supported by Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC). The mission of the NCMBC is to leverage military and other federal business opportunities to expand the economy, grow jobs and improve quality of life in North Carolina. Heather Port is the Business Development Specialist of the NCMBC.

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NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER



Shelby Newsome

SEEN

The Sandhills Entrepreneurship Engagement Network (SEEN) connects aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners to resources to start, sustain, and grow. SEEN is a searchable network of organizations in the Sandhills 10-county region serving the entrepreneurial community. Shelby Newsome is the Network Manager for SEEN.

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SANDHILLS ENTREPRENEURSHIP ENGAGEMENT NETWORK



Beth Wilkerson

SBTDC

The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. Most of SBTDC's services are free of charge, and all are confidential. By providing entrepreneurs with the tools they need to build and grow successful businesses, the SBTDC positively impacts NC's economy. Beth Wilkerson is the Regional Director at SBTDC.

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Tamara Bryant

VBOC

FSU's Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program is designed to provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling, and resource partner referrals to transitioning service members, veterans, National Guard & Reserve members and military spouses interested in starting or growing a small business. Tamara Bryant is the Director for VBOC at FSU.

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