

Starting an Agency or Business

Unfortunately, the staff of the Area Agency on Aging are not qualified or authorized to offer advice on starting an agency or business. However, you can try contacting your local chamber of commerce or regional development board to see if they offer a mentor program or small business start-up training for individuals such as yourself. You might also try an internet search for information. For example, The Ohio Council of Home Care (www.homecareohio.org) has a page about starting an agency, plus links to other informative sites. Likewise for the Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). Other commercial sites such as Small Business Advisor (www.isquare.com), The Home Business Site (www.homebusiness-book.com), and BizMove (www.bizmove.com), might be additional resources. Below is a brochure from SCORE® which provides assistance to small businesses in the 10B region. This does not imply our endorsement of any of these sites or programs.

You can also find information about enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid in the same way, since this also is not available from our office.

About Adult Day Care (ADC) or Adult Day Service (ADS)

The Area Agency on Aging cannot provide information on how to start an Adult Day Care center. Adult Day Care is an unregulated industry in the state of Ohio. As such, there are no universal requirements that an organization has to meet in order to provide ADS. However, there is a national certifying body that provides certification of adult day care centers via an application and inspection process, and this organization may be able to provide information about the regulations that an organization would need to meet to achieve their certification. However, this certification is not a requirement for establishing an adult day care program.

Contact:

Rehabilitation and Accreditation Commission
4891 E. Grant Rd.
Tuscon, AZ 85712
520-325-1044
<http://www.carf.org/>

Likewise, there is a statewide professional group for providers of adult day care in Ohio that may also be able to provide general information about starting an adult day care. Contact:

Ohio Association of Adult Day Care
6161 Busch Blvd., #87
Columbus, OH 43229-2508
614-888-9772
<http://www.seorf.ohiou.edu/~xx140/>
(Note: this office is open 9-1 only, Monday thru Friday)

The information provided by these two organizations may provide the foundation for developing a model to follow for establishing an adult day care center.

Major Programs

Business Counseling

at SCORE offices or client sites:

- ◆ Potential new entrepreneurs
- ◆ Existing businesses
- ◆ Client follow-up counseling
- ◆ Mentoring – long-term client relationships
- ◆ e-Mail counseling

Workshops / Training

- ◆ Great Customer Service
- ◆ Business Basics
- ◆ Marketing on a Mini Budget
- ◆ Leadership and Management Skills
- ◆ Financial Management
- ◆ Business Plans
- ◆ Not-for-Profit Basics
- ◆ Training & educational programs conducted for universities and community organizations

Community Outreach

- ◆ Business support
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Speakers Bureau
- ◆ University activities
- ◆ Government contacts

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- ◆ Start-up
- ◆ Expansion
- ◆ Growing pains
- ◆ Problem resolution

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- ◆ Coaching
- ◆ Guidance
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Mentoring

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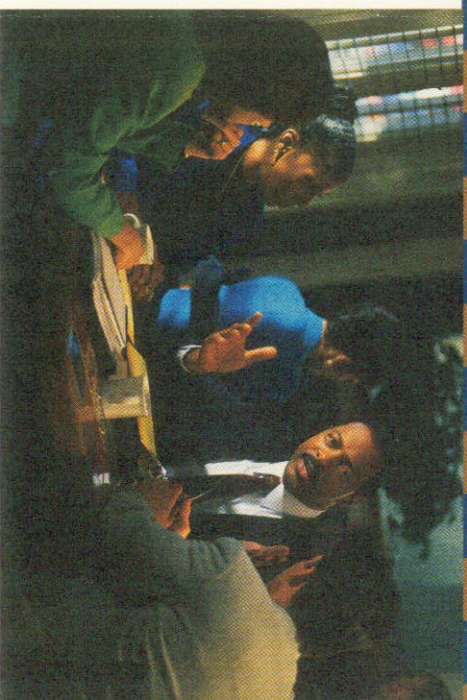
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FREE CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS SERVICES

Akron SCORE, one of nearly 400 SCORE chapters nationwide, is a non-profit group of active/retired executives and business owners. These experienced business men and women provide free counseling, mentoring and workshops to entrepreneurs and existing businesses, both profit and non-profit, as well as the academic community. Akron SCORE volunteers contribute over 10,000 hours annually.

SCORE offers counseling at:

- ◆ **Main Office:**
 - Summit County – Greater Akron Chamber
- ◆ **Satellite Sites:**
 - Medina County – County Economic Development Office
 - Portage County – Kent State University School of Fashion
 - Wayne County – University of Akron Wayne College

Our extensive Outreach Program has greatly expanded SCORE's presence in the region. We actively partner and network with business, educational and government organizations. The majority of SCORE clients are existing businesses, women and minorities.

SCORE is an acknowledged premier source of **free, confidential, quality** small business advice and educational workshops. Counseling and workshops are available in various locations during the day or evening and can be customized. For existing businesses, on-site counseling at client location is preferred.

SCORE's reputation as a premier small business consultant has generated an increasing demand for our services and has attracted qualified volunteers. It has also given our partners confidence in supporting our activities. The high percentage of clients signing up for face-to-face counseling following a workshop, the activity on our web site, and the number of new clients who come to us from referrals, all speak to the quality and professionalism of our services.

SCORE counselors are businessmen and women who have successful careers in major corporations or managing their own enterprises and volunteer with SCORE to help new businesses start and existing businesses grow and prosper.

Our slogan "**We teach new dogs old tricks**" underscores our counselors' dedication to helping small business become successful. It also reflects their pride in being an active, involved member of our communities.

MISSION

Our mission is to stimulate the Greater Akron economy, which includes Summit, Medina, Portage and Wayne Counties, by using the business knowledge and skills of our volunteers to successfully guide and lead entrepreneurs and existing businesses toward their goals.

OUR PARTNERS

- ◆ Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ City of Akron – Economic Development
- ◆ Summit County – Economic Development
- ◆ Medina County – Economic Development
- ◆ Portage County – Economic Development
- ◆ Wayne County – Economic Development
- ◆ Wooster Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Kent State University
- ◆ University of Akron
- ◆ University of Akron Wayne College
- ◆ Akron Global Business Accelerator
- ◆ SBDC (Small Business Development Center of Ohio)
- ◆ University Park Alliance
- ◆ Portage Lakes Career Center
- ◆ Partnership for the Minority Business Accelerator
- ◆ Akron Urban League
- ◆ Medina County University Center

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