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At the Florida SBDC Network, we believe in creating unimaginable possibilities for small businesses that yield economic prosperity for our state.

From starting and growing a business, to selling it, this is where Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) help. Established by Congress, SBDCs foster local, regional, and state economic prosperity by providing aspiring and existing small businesses access to professionally certified and credentialed business consultants to help mitigate common obstacles and find success.

Designated as “Florida’s principal provider of small business assistance [Fla. Stat. § 288.001],” the Florida SBDC Network, one of 62 SBDC networks in the country, has more than 40 offices, and approximately 50 outreach locations from Pensacola to Key West to serve the needs of Florida’s business community.

Since 1976, our network of partners has helped construct a statewide ecosystem to foster the spirit, support, and success of more than 1.2 million small business owners.

In addition to our core service offering of no-cost consulting, training, and business research, Florida SBDCs provide a comprehensive toolkit of specialized services for businesses looking to accelerate market growth, including:

- Strategic & Business Plan Development
- Access to Capital
- Strategic Market Research
- Cybersecurity
- Market Growth Development
- International Trade
- Government Contracting
- Disaster Resiliency & Recovery

Our clients tell our story best. Read a sampling of testimonials from the tens of thousands of small businesses we assist each year.

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**District 12 Client Testimonials**

**Swimming Safari Swim School, Jacksonville**

“All the consultants at the Florida SBDC have helped us tremendously. We were helped in projections by one consultant when we first started out and before building our current location. We were helped by another consultant on marketing. This consultant has met with us several times to continually advise us on the newest trends with marketing. We’ve also been advised by others on financial analysis. I feel very welcomed by them and feel I am in the best of expert hands. They all have so much knowledge and their willingness to help is incredible!”

—Joani Maskell

**Flippin’ Good Cookies, Jacksonville**

“We have been working with the Florida SBDC from the beginning of our business's inception which was June 2008. The Florida SBDC has been a great resource by providing tools to help us grow our business as well as getting our name out to the community. We are currently working with Kevin Monahan and Cathy Hagan with our exit strategy and feel confident that we can have a smooth transition when we get to the point of selling our business.”

—Janice Newton

**Jax Illuminations, LLC, Jacksonville**

“The Florida SBDC has greatly helped us on our entrepreneurial journey. We started with business basics and, with great one-to-one advice and mentorship, have grown a successful business.”

—Chrystral Bain

**Spectrum Signs and Graphics, Jacksonville**

“[Our consultant] Kaitlyn Saavedra has been very helpful in finding market and financial research for our company. She was also great in getting us in contact with people (taxes, insurance) who were important to guide our business.”

—Franziska Scone