The Gannon University Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) has assisted entrepreneurs and small businesses in Northwest Pennsylvania for 44 years. Since 1996, the SBDC has served Mercer County with a full-time outreach office currently located at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. The SBDC is the only nationally accredited economic development agency assuring high quality professional assistance. As part of the largest statewide provider of entrepreneurial services, Gannon SBDC plays a unique and vital role in the Commonwealth's economic development initiatives as the only organization that assists entrepreneurs in all stages of business and all industry sectors. Funding support from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Gannon University and the Mercer County Commissioners enables consulting services to be provided at no charge to the client.

Mike Blaurock, Mercer County Business Consultant, with the support of our entire team, works one on one with entrepreneurs and small businesses from start-up assistance to succession planning. The SBDC also offers educational programs with topics including The First Step, marketing, HR and business planning.

Gannon SBDC also administers The Valley Fab Lab, a makerspace located at Kennedy Catholic Middle/High School (KC). The Fab Lab is open to the public including certification training for the various machines. We also offer coursework and equipment training to the students at KC. Our small-scale workshop is the perfect haven for creatives, businesses, and entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into reality. With cutting-edge tools and a collaborative atmosphere, we empower you to bring your visions to life. Businesses can utilize our work for hire program for engraved promotional items, banners, flyers, awards, staff gifts, etc. Workshops are offered on a monthly basis. Check out the website www.thevalleyfablab.org for more information.

If you are an entrepreneur or an existing business, contact the Mercer Outreach office at 724-300-1481 or visit our website www.sbdcgannon.org to connect with the SBDC team. Whether you need help identifying local markets for your business, are developing a business plan and want a second opinion, or have compliance issues you'd like to clarify, SBDC consultants are ready to help you grow your business.



