

# Social Entrepreneur / Wellness Coach Toolkit (Preview)

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# **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Step One: Learn about small business

## Tips:

- Attend low cost workshops at the <u>SBA Entrepreneur Center</u>. The U.S. Small Business Administration delivers loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.
- File your business with the <u>CA Secretary of State Office</u>.

#### Resources:

- Small Business administration's listing of workshops.
- <u>Skoll Foundation</u> one of the leading foundations in the field of social entrepreneurship.
- CA Secretary of State Office: 916-653-3794, ask for division of corporations

• Franchise Tax Board (800) 852-5711

# Step Two: Get a business mentor

## Tips:

 Register for free business mentoring and low cost training for aspiring and existing business owners at <u>SCORE</u>.

# Step Three: Create a business model

### Tips:

- checkout a sample of an effective business plan to gain insight into your own.
- explore the <u>Business Model You</u> methodology for creating your own business model

#### Resources:

- B-corp resources for b-corporations; connect and find other b-corps in your area
- Business Model You
- Business Plan Sample
- Business Plan Template
- Organizational Chart ("Org Chart") examples

## Step Four: Create a financial plan

#### Resources:

- The Pollination Project is an organization that makes daily seed grants to inspiring social change-makers who are committed to a world that works for all.
- EARN is the nation's leading microsavings provider. Earn provides the tools for working people to learn how to regularly set aside savings.
- <u>Financial Projections Template</u>
- Business Planning and Financial statements template gallery
- United Way of the Bay Area use the earn it! keep it! save it! program for tax advising
- Tax Mama: Article on "top ten things taxpayers forget to tell their accountants", etc.

# Step Five: Get a legal advisor

#### Resources:

- <u>Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights</u> free legal advisors for entrepreneurs
- Inner City Advisors pro bono non-profit / small business advising in Oakland
- <u>Legal Zoom</u> LegalZoom provides legal solutions to start a business, run a business, file a trademark application, and a variety of other common legal matters for small businesses.
- <u>Priore Law Group</u> (San Francisco)