



Our Mission

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center breaks the cycle of poverty by transforming lives through entrepreneurship. Our mission is to empower and increase the entrepreneurial capacities of socially and economically diverse women and men, and thereby strengthen our communities through the creation of sustainable new businesses, new jobs and the promotion of financial self-sufficiency.

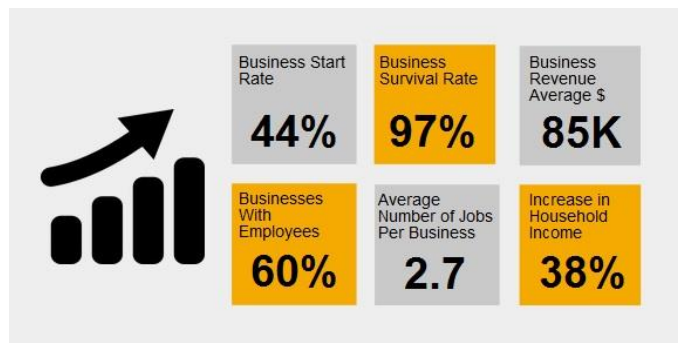
Our Model

For over 30 years, Renaissance has played a vital role in the Bay Area, providing entrepreneurship training and support services to over 26,000 individuals who, in turn, have started and grown over 10,000 businesses and created employment for more than 14,000 additional residents. We deliver our services through our Centers in South of Market and Bayview Hunters Point in San Francisco, East Palo Alto on the Peninsula, and Richmond in Contra Costa County – and offsite programs in Daly City, and Redwood City.

Renaissance’s comprehensive English- and Spanish-language programs and services support lower-income individuals from under-resourced populations and communities in developing the skills, building the networks and accessing the resources they need to start and grow their own small businesses. As a result, our clients are achieving economic self-sufficiency, building assets, and creating better futures for themselves and their families.

Our Impact

Renaissance’s impact is evidenced by the success of our clients. According to a 2015 survey by Entrepreneur Tracker, an independent evaluation by the Aspen Institute’s FIELD program, one year after our clients completed 10 or more hours of service:



Our Clients

Last year, Renaissance served over 2,000 English- and Spanish-speaking women and men who, launched and grew more than 700 new businesses, and created over 1,000 new jobs within their communities. Our clients are 86% very-low to moderate income, 70% women, 60% people of color, and 16% LGBTQ.