



Core Programs and Services

Through our Centers in South of Market and Bayview Hunters Point in San Francisco, East Palo Alto in San Mateo County, and Richmond in Contra Costa County, Renaissance serves over 2,000 lower-income English- and Spanish-speaking women and men who start and grow over 700 small businesses annually. Our core programs and services include:

Training Classes:

At the heart of Renaissance's program are our intensive small business training classes. They are offered as 4-12 week (12-72 hour) practical, hands-on training classes on the introductory, business planning and growth levels. All classes are taught by Renaissance-trained small business consultants, staff and industry experts using our award-winning curriculum. Our industry-specific training includes customized support for entrepreneurs in the Construction and Fashion sectors. Standalone, one-three part skill-building and topical workshops increase business knowledge and provide clients with networking opportunities.

Individual Consulting and Access to Capital:

Renaissance staff, consultants, and volunteer mentors provide one-on-one consulting and customized support in areas such as sales, marketing, management, operations, and start up and growth strategies. Individual technical assistance help clients become better financial managers of their businesses, and loan packaging to help clients secure capital from banks, nonprofit loan funds, private sources, and crowdfunding.

Women-focused Programs:

Renaissance delivers customized entrepreneurship training to empower women with the small business skills, access to resources, networks, and confidence all entrepreneurs need to succeed. Monthly events feature presentations by successful entrepreneurs and bring together representatives from the corporate, government, and non-profit communities, creating opportunities to build and develop networks and promote businesses. Renaissance is the US SBA San Francisco Women's Business Center providing training and support for women entrepreneurs.

Business Incubation:

Professional office space, business development support, shared meeting rooms, reception, mail, telephone, internet, etc. through our South of Market and East Palo Alto Incubators and Bayview Business Assistance Center.

Ongoing Support:

Renaissance supports our clients throughout the lifecycle of their businesses through advanced workshops, networking events, undivided consulting and access to capital services. Former graduates can use our online directory to promote their business and strengthen their networks.