Kosciusko Business Starter

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PROBLEM

- Entrepreneurship is in a steady decline nationwide.
- Though many resources exist in Kosciusko County, many individuals do not know where to find them or how to access them.
- Starting a new business is more challenging without professional assistance.



Small Business Analysis



- 800,000 new small businesses opened in 2016
- Of all small businesses started in 2011:
 - •4% made it to the second year.
 - •3% made it to the third year
 - •9% made it to the fourth year
 - •3% made it to the fifth year.

Small Business Analysis

- •Leading causes of small business failure:
 - 46% due to incompetence.
 - •30% due to lack of experience
 - •13% due to neglect/ fraud/ disaster



SOLUTION

OVERALL GOAL:

HELPING KOSCIUSKO COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR BUSINESS GOALS

How?

PROVIDE BUSINESS TOOLS, RESOURCES, & PERSONALIZED ASSISTANCE TO GET IDEAS OFF THE GROUND



How did we get here?





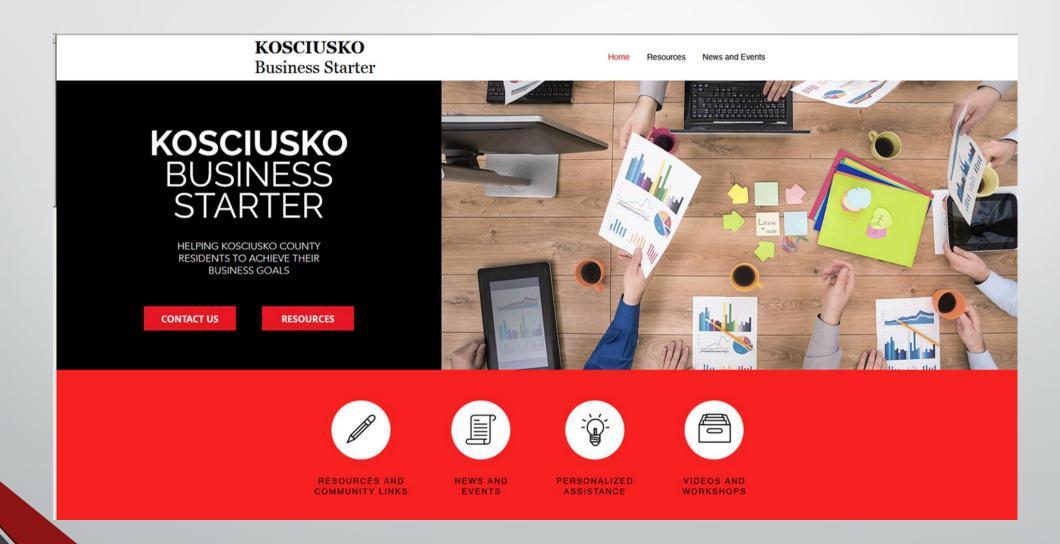
- First Idea: Business Development Center
- Visited Northeast Indiana Innovation Center
- Meeting with Dr. Hoffert of WCS
- Shifted Focus to Website
- Collaborated with Grace College School of Business
- Created Website

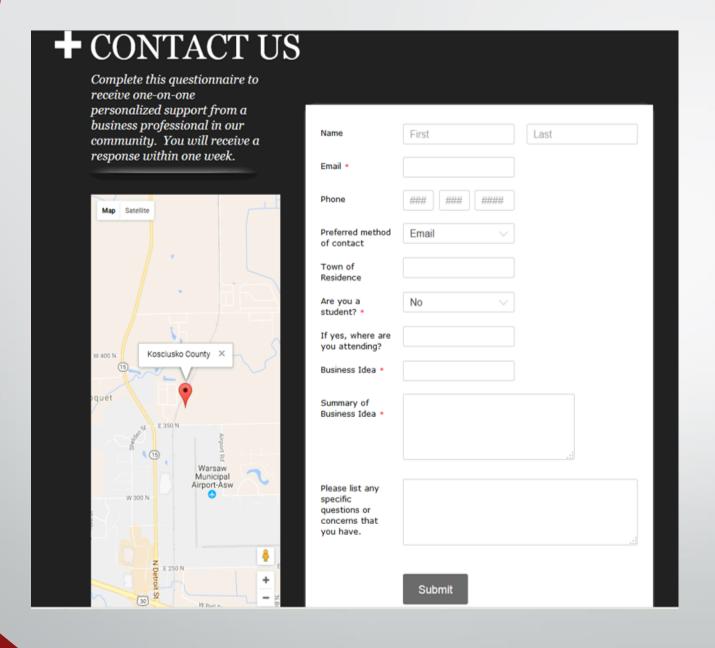
KOSCIUSKO BUSINESS STARTER HELPING ENTREPRENEURS

- One-on-one assistance
- Financial assistance
- Education
- Free tools and resources



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CONTACT US

Questionnaire to receive one-on-one support from a business professional

RESOURCES

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Bankable

Bankable provides financing for start-ups and existing businesses. Powered by the Flagship Enterprise Center (FEC) located in Anderson, IN.

K21 Foundation

K21 Health Foundation is a private foundation that focuses on opportunities to improve health and wellness for the citizens of Kosciusko County.

Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation
Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation is the non-profit full-service economic development organization serving Kosciusko County.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans
SBA offers a variety of loan programs for very specific purposes. Take some time to study the programs described in this section, to see if you qualify to participate.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Elevate Ventures

Elevate Ventures nurtures and develops emerging and existing high-potential businesses into high-performing, Indiana-based companies.

Indiana Small Business Development Center

Providing entrepreneurs expert guidance and a comprehensive network of resources.

INDURE

An easy-to-access database of research expertise, intellectual property, and ongoing sponsored research projects at academic institutions across the state of Indiana.

Kosciusko Business Resource Center

This local online toolkit includes the Business Start-Up Kit, Loan Payment Calculator, 85 business-related online classes, new hire email, Employer's Kit and more.

Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce is to be the voice of members to stimulate healthy and diverse business growth in our community.

SCORE

SCORE volunteers help thousands of entrepreneurs start small businesses and achieve new levels of success in their existing businesses

Small Business Development Center

Free professional small business advising sessions are now available in Warsaw for persons who currently own a small business or are interested in starting one.

RESOURCES

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Grace College School of Business

Offering Kauffman Foundation FastTrack entrepreneurship training through the Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development.

IVY Tech Community College

Ivy Tech offers affordable associate degrees and certificates in Indiana; transfer or begin an in-demand job in health, technology, business or public service.

OrthoWorx

OrthoWorx is a non-profit formed in 2009 with initial funding from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to preserve and extend our region's legacy as the Orthopedic Capital.®

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

KCGov.com

As the official website of Kosciusko County Government, this site provides information about county departments and offices.

Kosciusko County Visitor's Bureau

Wherever you go in Kosciusko county, there's memories waiting to be made. This website provides information on local events and community attractions.

My Warsaw

MyWarsaw.net provides information on local and regional culture, resources and entertainment. Moving to Warsaw? Use their cost of living calculator to compare what it's like living here to other places across the nation.

Warsaw.IN.Gov

The official site of Warsaw, Indiana offering community news, business information, and community links.

NEWS & EVENTS

INCLUDES:

- Registration for Grace College School of Business and Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce events
- Local business news & articles
 - Inkfreenews, Entrepreneur Magazine



Stay Tuned for Featured Events!





Business News & Articles



Wildman Business Group Announces New Fort Wayne Location

WARSAW — Josh Wildman, CEO of Wildman Business Group, recently announced the opening of a second location in Fort Wayne. This expansion allows the uniform and linen company to better serve cu...

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NEWS & EVENTS

INCLUDES:

- Upcoming community events based around small businesses/ entrepreneurs
- Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Community Events	
04/06/2017 - Goodwill Workshop	
04/10/2017 - WCPL Board of Trustees Meeting Monthly meeting to conduct library business.	
04/11/2017 - GPS2Success Showcase careers to high school students on their options after high school and jobs available in Kosciusko County. You are invited to attend the 4th annual Kosci Chamber of Commerce Career Fair, GPS 2 Success. This event will both benefit the community and you as an employer. The career fai	iusko
04/12/2017 - Young Adult Professional's Lunch Club Join us at a local restaurant for a great chance to casually sit down and network with your peers. Extremely relaxed, informal and easy going atmosphere. RSVP for event and you will be automatically entered to receive your lunch for free! Bring cash if you aren't feeling lucky, losers are re	r this
04/13/2017 - Goodwill Workshop	

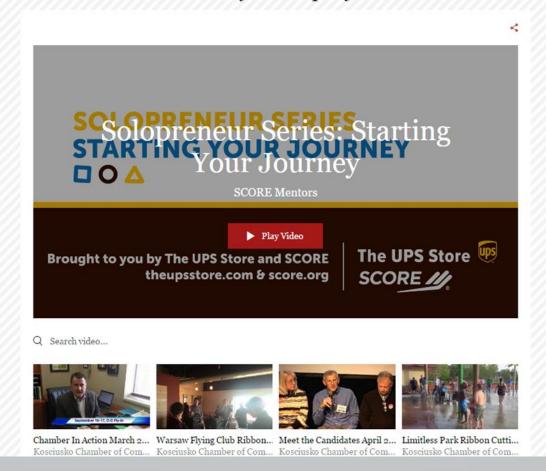
NEWS & EVENTS

INCLUDES:

- A library of nearly 400 videos for free viewing
- SCORE, Kosciusko
 Chamber of Commerce,
 Small Business
 Administration, Stanford
 Business

Videos & Workshops

Tip: Search for Kosciusko Chamber, SBA, SCORE or Stanford Seminars to view videos from a specific source.



IMPACT OF KCBUSINESSSTARTER.COM ON COMMUNITY

- Increased job growth
- Increased population
- More variety of goods and services for consumers to choose from
- Additional referrals for website content providers

NORTHENOR AWARD

Help with monthly website fees

Additional bandwidth and storage space for the site

Allow more advertising of website

CONCLUSION

Kcbusinessstarter.com will give entrepreneurs the resources they need to fulfill their dreams!

