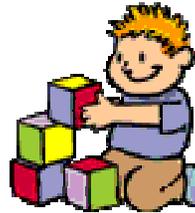


# The ABCs of Starting a Business



Planning Your Business	Starting Your Business	Managing Your Business	Getting Out of Business
<p>Have an Idea </p> <p>Get Ready</p> <p>Write a Business Plan*</p> <p><b>* Contact Jim Carroll @</b>                      Hampton Roads                      Small Business                      Development Center                      (Jim comes to Franklin several times a month and can be reached to make an appointment by calling our Chamber at 757-562-4900.)</p> <p><b>*Remember that failing to plan is planning to fail!</b></p>	<p>Find a Mentor</p> <p>Finance Start-Up</p> <p>Buy a Business</p> <p>Buy a Franchise</p> <p>Name Your Business</p> <p>Choose a Structure</p> <p>Protect Your Ideas</p> <p>Get Licenses and Permits</p> <p>Pick a Location, Location, Location*</p> <p>Lease Equipment</p> <p><b>* Call Nancy K. Parrish, Manager</b>                      The Franklin Business Incubator                      601 N. Mechanic Street, Suite 300                      Franklin, VA 23851                      757-562-1958, X303 (office)                      757-653-1712 (cell)                      757-562-0486 (fax)</p> <p><a href="mailto:nparrish@franklinsouthamptonva.com">nparrish@franklinsouthamptonva.com</a></p> <p><i>We'll help turn your business on!</i></p>	<p>Lead</p> <p>Make Decisions</p> <p>Manage Employees</p> <p>Market and Price</p> <p>Market and Sell</p> <p>Understand Fair Practice</p> <p>Pay Taxes</p> <p>Get Insurance</p> <p>Handle Legal Concerns</p> <p>Forecast</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Stay Informed*</p> <p>Use Technology</p> <p>Finance Growth</p> <p><b>* Join your Chamber!</b> Promote your hometown! Become involved in the business community, especially Main Street and the Downtown Franklin Association! Call Dan or Jeri at 757-562-6900. <b>TODAY!</b></p>	<p>Plan Your Exit*</p> <p>Sell Your Business</p> <p>Transfer Ownership</p> <p>Liquidate Assets</p> <p>File Bankruptcy</p> <p>Close Officially</p> <p><b>* Contact Jim Carroll @</b>                      Hampton Roads                      Small Business                      Development Center                      (Jim comes to Franklin several times a month and can be reached to make an appointment by calling our Chamber at 757-562-4900.)</p> <p><b>Remember: Just as there is a proper time and way to start a business, there is also a proper time and way to end it! What you don't know - and don't take the time to learn - can cost you BIG bucks!</b></p>

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