

Upcoming Events available to small businesses:

If you are interested in attending any of the events listed below or would like more information, contact Jo Cramer at joc@nwcommission.org or call 814.677.4800 x113.

Registration fees may be paid for *qualifying* microloan clients.

FUNDS ARE LIMITED!

February 4, 2010

"First Step Workshops: Starting and Growing a Successful Business"

9am - 12pm

Erie

Presented by Gannon Small Business Development Center

New business start-ups and entrepreneurs without previous business experience are encouraged to attend one of the Gannon SBDC First Step Workshop before meeting with one of our consultants. The start-up essentials workshop is a three hour program.

February 17, 2010

"First Step Workshops: Starting and Growing a Successful Business"

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Crawford

Presented by Gannon Small Business Development Center

February 18, 2010

"First Step Workshops: Starting and Growing a Successful Business"

6pm - 9pm

Erie

Presented by Gannon Small Business Development Center

March 4, 2010

"First Step Workshops: Starting and Growing a Successful Business"

6pm - 9pm

Erie

Presented by Gannon Small Business Development Center

March 18, 2010

"First Step Workshops: Starting and Growing a Successful Business"

6pm - 9pm

Erie

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March 23, 2010 & March 30 (2 part series, must attend both dates)

"Writing a Winning Business Plan"

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Gannon University SBDC

824 Peach Street

Erie, PA

Presented by Gannon Small Business Development Center

The importance of developing a sound business plan, and putting it on paper, is one of the most critical steps you'll take in starting your business. In fact, 80% of new businesses fail within the first five years of operation because they lack a formal, written plan. *This is your opportunity to be one of the 20% that succeeds!*

March 26, 2010

“Women in Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.)”

8:30 a.m. to

Bayfront Convention Center

1 Sassafras Pier

Erie, PA 16507

Presented by Gannon SBDC

· LEADERSHIP: *Meagan and Larry Johnson, the Father Daughter Duo*, from the Johnson Training Group, Scottsdale, AZ. *Meagan Johnson* is a Generational Humorist and *Larry Johnson*, co-authored “Absolute Honesty: Building a Corporate Culture That Values Straight Talk and Rewards Integrity”.

· WELLNESS: *Esther Blum, MS, RD, CDN, CNS* from New York, NY. *Esther Blum*, holistic nutritionist is the author of “Eat, Drink and Be Gorgeous.”