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Starter Company Plus

BE YOUR OWN BOSS THIS SUMMER

2025 Summer Company Program

Ontario Entrepreneur Centre CEDC

The Thunder Bay and District Entrepreneur Centre has opened applications for their Summer Company and Starter Company Plus grant programs! Eligible applicants have the opportunity to access valuable information, mentorship, and grant money to help fund their new endeavour.

Summer Company applicants must be between 15 and 29 years old and returning to schooling after the summer.

Starter Company Plus applicants must be proposing a start-up that will launch within 4 to 6 months or running a new business that was launched within the last year. The business must also run, or intend to run, on a full-time basis.

To find more information on the programs, or to apply, visit gotothunderbay.ca/how-we-help/entrepreneur-centre/.

The poster features the SDEGEDC logo at the top, which includes the text 'SDEGEDC' and 'CENTRE D'AFFAIRES BUSINESS CENTRE'. Below the logo, the title 'Kid-Preneur' is written in a large, bold, black font, followed by the tagline 'young entrepreneurs. big ideas.' in a smaller, orange font. A prominent orange button with white text says 'RETURNING THIS MARCH!!!'. To the right of the button is a cartoon illustration of a young girl with black hair, wearing an orange shirt and green shorts, jumping joyfully. At the bottom left, there are logos for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario and the Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Nord de l'Ontario. At the bottom right, the 'Canada' logo is displayed.

With the collaboration of Head Start in Business last spring, the GEDC introduced the youth entrepreneur workshop, Kid-Preneur. The GEDC is delighted to announce that the Kid-Preneur workshop will be returning this March! If you know a child between 8 and 14 years old with a business idea, this workshop could be for them. If you would like more information, or to be notified when registration opens, please contact Nicole at 807-854-2273 ext. 23 or via email at nicole@gcdc.ca.

Whether you're an entrepreneur, a business, or a non-profit organization, the Government of Canada's Business Benefits Finder may be just the tool to help you. The Business Benefits Finder helps users to search through over 1500 programs and services that offer expert advice, wage subsidies, grants and funding, tax credits, and more. You can find more information at canada.ca.

The screenshot shows the 'Business Benefits Finder' web application. The title is 'Business Benefits Finder' and the subtitle is 'Find programs and services to help your business grow.' Below this, there is a form with the text 'Whether you're an entrepreneur, a business, or a not-for-profit organization. Tell us your story.' and 'I'm looking for' followed by a dropdown menu and 'for my business.' There is a section titled 'Select as many as you like:' with several green buttons for categories: 'grants and funding', 'loans and capital investments', 'tax credits', 'wage subsidies and interns', 'expert advice', 'partnering and collaboration', 'researchers and facilities', 'other support', and 'all support'. An 'OK' button is at the bottom of this section. To the right of the form is an illustration of a spiral notebook with a green pencil and a small green cube. The notebook has handwritten notes: 'Expertise Talent' and 'Answer a few questions to get a tailored list.' At the bottom left of the interface, it says 'Date modified: 2025-...' and at the bottom right, it says '... or search all 1561 programs and services'.

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

- Zig Ziglar

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