

Self-Employment

Do you have the “Entrepreneurial Spirit”? Is there something you love to do that could become a business for you? Then Self-Employment may be an option for you.

Starting a business is hard work! You will need to build your business from the ground up. You will need people to help you, and you will need to make an informed decision before deciding to go down this path.

If you think that Self-Employment may be an option for you, talk to your Employment Professional and your friends and family. There are many resources that can help you if you choose to be self-employed:

- There is a resource on the *Employment for All* website that can help you. Click this link: <http://www.employmentforall.ca/content/what/selfemployment/002.html> and click on the “Microenterprise Guide”.
- The *Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program* is available through Service Canada. This program helps entrepreneurs with disabilities build their business future by providing business information, training and development, mentoring and one-on-one counseling services. For more information visit <http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/13643.asp>
- Square One: Saskatchewan’s Business Resource Centre, offers a variety of services to help the province’s entrepreneurs successfully establish their business. For more information visit <http://squareonesask.ca/>

- There have been many people with disabilities who had success in starting their own business. Below are links to stories about people who have taken something they love and turned into a business opportunity:
 - 'Just Watch ME' is a contest that is run in Western Canada every year for entrepreneurs with disabilities. Check out some of the entries and winners: <http://www.justwatchmecontest.ca/Entries/>
 - Taylor Layton Recycling: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn5k0vSFa6c>
 - Emmy Barr: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVX5BHmy6ys>
 - Tim Harris –Tim's Place: <http://www.timsplace.com/meettheman/>