



# Help us help the people we serve

We help entrepreneurs facing barriers to employment due to a **mental health or addiction challenge**, launch and grow their new business ideas.

People interested in self-employment.

People who cannot access traditional bank loans.

People who self-declare as having a mental health or addiction challenge.



“The Rise program has helped me develop a thriving, creative business doing what I love.”



# With your help, we can change lives!



Empowering people  
Launching ideas

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For people who have experienced barriers to employment because of a mental health or addiction challenge, it can be difficult to know where to start. We offer low interest loans, training, and mentorship to help build stronger communities.

# We're the only national charity of its kind.

We support business growth by investing in people and their ideas. We can tailor programs for specific goals so that people who use Rise can build successful enterprises.

We offer a full range of services and programs in **three** key areas:



**Low interest small business loans** mean our clients can launch their business idea more easily than through traditional loans that cost more to pay back.



**Business training** equips them with knowledge and skills to help them navigate growth. Creating and maintaining a business is complicated and can be overwhelming.



**Mentorship** provides trusted and sound business advice from qualified people who are rooting for our clients' success.



To volunteer, donate, or bring Rise to your community visit [risehelps.ca](http://risehelps.ca)

# A proven track record of successful programs.

Along with mentorship in which we match our lending clients with mentors from the business community, we provide small business lending, event lending, a youth focused program, and peer support.

## FINANCING HELP



### Small business lending

Obtaining an affordable loan from traditional lenders is one of the biggest roadblocks our clients face. Anyone over 16 can apply for a low-interest loan, in order to or grow their business. We'll match the client with a mentor and support them with resources to sharpen their business skills along the way.

*This program is available at all Rise locations.*

## BUSINESS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



### Peer supported startup program

For adults over 30, this program will help them create a business plan and develop the skills and confidence to start their business. They'll be teamed up with a group of entrepreneurs and a business coach to support them with getting their business off the ground.

*This program is available in Toronto and Mississauga.*

## BUSINESS PLAN FOR THOSE UNDER 30



### EnterpRISEing Youth (online)

For clients under 30, this online entrepreneurship course is delivered through our interactive learning platform, [enterPRISEingYouth.ca](http://enterPRISEingYouth.ca). We'll teach business skills and help you create a business plan.

*This program is available at all Rise locations.*



### EnterpRISEing Youth Plus (online and in person)

Also for clients under 30, this free 7-week course combines online learning through our interactive platform, [enterPRISEingYouth.ca](http://enterPRISEingYouth.ca), with in-class support and coaching sessions.

*This program is available in Toronto and region.*



### Youth Small Business Program

During this free 10-week course in Toronto, our clients work with our professional instructors and volunteer coaches to create a business plan, and gain the confidence and skills needed to turn their idea into reality.