



**TN Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development Course**  
**UT Conference Center – Knoxville, TN**  
**April 1-2, 2026**

**Wednesday, April 1 (ET)**

9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Tintin Czach, TCEcD</b> UT CIS
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Entrepreneurship &amp; The Economy:</b> <i>The Role of ELED in Economic Development</i>	<b>Mo Collins</b> Entrepreneurial Communities
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Who is an Entrepreneur in Your Community?</b> <i>Microenterprise, SMEs, Innovation-Led and more</i>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>	
1:00 – 1:45	<b>The Role of Entrepreneur Support Organizations (ESOs)</b> <i>Asset Map Graphic and Asset Directory</i>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
1:45 – 2:45	<b>Building Businesses: Blues Game</b> <i>Table Group Activity</i>	<b>Course Participants</b>
2:45 – 3:00	<b>Break</b>	
3:00 – 4:30	<b>Tennessee Experts Panel: Best Practices &amp; Resources</b>	Panelists: <b>Lindsey Cox</b> , LaunchTN <b>Paige McVity</b> , Pathway Lending <b>Wisty Pender</b> , TNECD
4:30 – 5:00	<b>Understanding Your Local Ecosystem</b>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
5:30	<b>Optional Dinner Gathering</b>	



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**Thursday, March 19 (ET)**

7:15 – 8:00	<b>Full Breakfast</b>	<b>UT Conference Center</b>
8:00 – 8:15	<b>Day 1 Recap</b>	<b>Course Participants</b>
8:15 – 9:15	<b>Leverage Your Entrepreneurs to Build Your Economy</b> <i>Connect, Serve, Empower, Measure</i>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Break</b>	
9:30 – 10:45	<b>Financing Entrepreneurs</b>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Keep the Ball Rolling: Sustainable, Resilient Ecosystems</b> <i>Best Practices from Urban to Rural America</i>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Embedding Innovation into Your Local Community</b>	<b>Mo Collins</b>
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12:00 – 12:15	<b>Summary of Learning</b> <i>Group Exercise</i>	<b>Course Participants</b>
12:15 – 12:30	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Final Comments</b> Evaluation Forms/Adjourn	<b>Tintin Czach</b>

