



All Things Ignatian



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC: Legal Representation for Private and Social Entrepreneurs

The Community Economic Development Clinic (CED Clinic) is a law school class that represents microentrepreneurs (those with 5 or fewer employees) and community nonprofit organizations. Senior law students provide a full range of small business and nonprofit legal services. We represent clients in all parts of Nebraska and western Iowa.

The CED Clinic collaborates with regional and local economic development organizations that provide business education, mentoring, and financing to microentrepreneurs. The Clinic steps in to represent entrepreneurs who want to create a business entity like a limited liability company or who need contracts or other legal services.

Microenterprise accounts for about 15% of all jobs in Nebraska and Iowa and at least 25% of new jobs from 2004 to 2007. It is a powerful tool for rural communities dealing with decades of outmigration and for urban Latino and African American communities as well.

Nonprofit organizations pull communities together to address issues such as neighborhood blight or to offer opportunities in the arts and education.



Business class for in-home day care providers. Midlands Latino Community Development Corp.

Soup-N-More, LLC, a Rural Business From Garden to Processing to Customer



A North Omaha Non-Profit Addressing Hunger & Nutrition



In the 2010-2011 school year, Clinic students represented 94 clients. The Clinic advised another 321 clients through 32 community education presentations from Imperial, Nebraska to Creston, Iowa. Our efforts assisted clients in creating or maintaining over 50 jobs.

Ignatian Values

The private and social microentrepreneurs we represent would find it difficult or impossible to pay for private attorneys. The jobs and services they provide strengthen their communities.

CED students gain a better understanding of our clients' struggles and aspirations. They learn the importance of empathy and respect along with business and nonprofit law. They help people take control of their lives and build a better future.

The CED Clinic promotes core elements of Creighton's Ignatian mission:

- Men and Women For and With Others
- Educating Agents for Change
- Service to Others

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