

# Work Smart. Use **START**.

**START** can help your Neighborhood Networks center create a blueprint for success.

The **enhanced online tool** makes creating and updating your business plan better and easier than ever before. **START** has undergone major enhancements and now it takes the business planning process to the next level. **START** helps centers to define their mission online and refine their operating and planning activities.



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# Looking for a new **START**?



The *new and improved*  
online business plan  
development tool  
designed for  
**Neighborhood  
Networks Centers**



## **START Thinking About the Possibilities.**

With START you can track and evaluate every facet of center development.

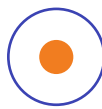
- Develop a budget for your center.
- Plan operations for your center.
- Track, develop, and assess program and organizational performance.
- Identify local and national partnerships.

START makes the business plan development process complete and easy. Why stick with a paper business plan when you can do so much more online? It puts the power of technology at your fingertips. That's the vision behind Neighborhood Networks.

## **What's New and Improved?**

The next generation START is better. It's more efficient and more effective. The **new and improved** tool makes completing the online business plan easier than the previous version and adds several features.

Forgot your password? Get a computer-generated reply with your secure password instantly. Centers can also create additional accounts and user names.



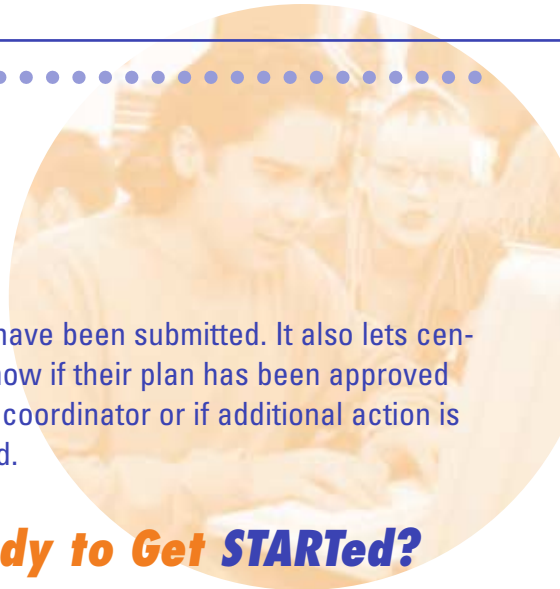
START remembers each section that you have completed and allows you to start where you left off to reduce repetition.

**And there's more.** With START, Neighborhood Networks centers can update and change their online business plan continuously. In addition, a new START assessment feature allows centers to evaluate their performance for a fiscal year.

## **Advantages for HUD Neighborhood Networks Coordinators**

The new START includes several enhancements that help HUD Neighborhood Networks coordinators with business plan management and tracking. START now allows coordinators to comment on and approve business plans online. The new START also creates a variety of reports for Neighborhood Networks coordinators. Get instant information on centers nationwide, by state, region, HUD field office, or fiscal year. Find what you are looking for quickly and as often as you need it.

START also improves communication between HUD coordinators and Neighborhood Networks centers. Automatic e-mail notification lets coordinators know when business



plans have been submitted. It also lets centers know if their plan has been approved by the coordinator or if additional action is needed.

## **Ready to Get STARTed?**

If you have questions, need technical assistance, or want to learn more about the advantages of START, call the Neighborhood Networks Information Center toll free at 1-888-312-2743 or visit the Neighborhood Networks Web site at [www.neighborhoodnetworks.org](http://www.neighborhoodnetworks.org). Learn about the START Workbook, the Neighborhood Networks companion guide to the **new and improved** online business planning tool.

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