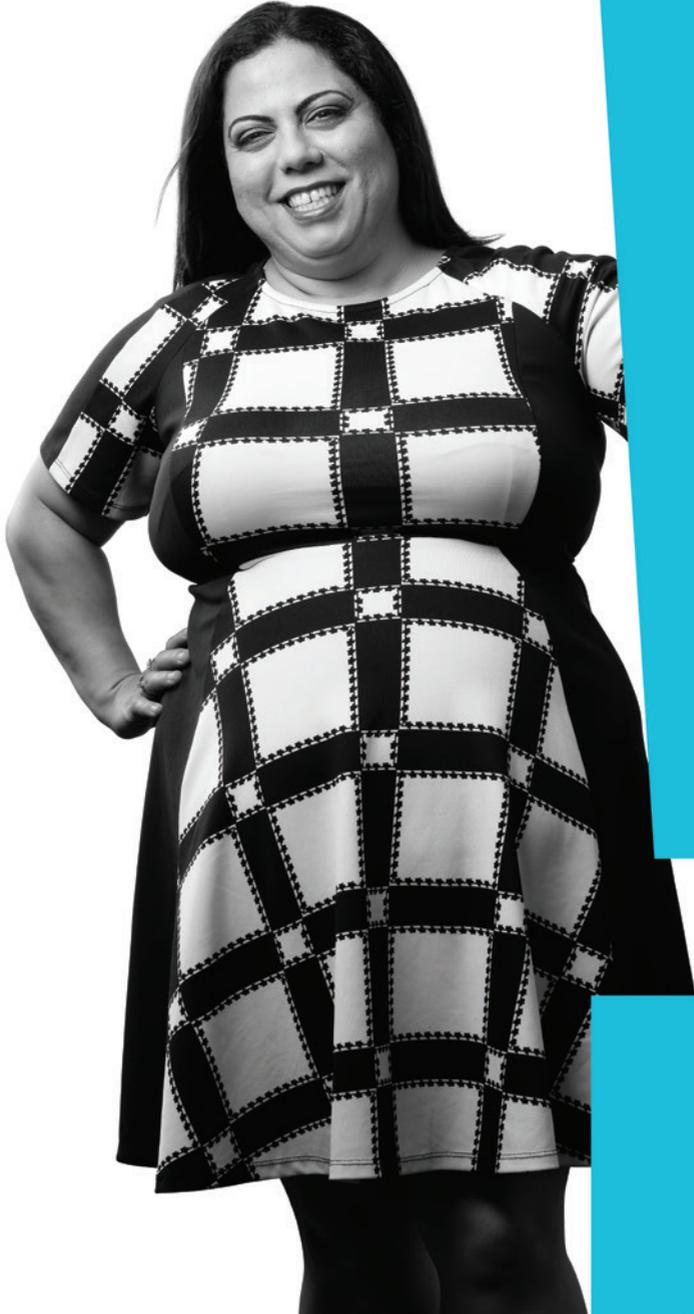


IgniteAbility™

small business starts-ups



IGNITEABILITY SMALL BUSINESS START-UPS IS A PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (SSI) TO FACILITATE BUSINESS CREATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS OR EXPANDING AN EXISTING ONE.

SSI is a leader in disability reform by creating opportunities for people with disability to contribute in all aspects of life: economic, social and civic. ABS data highlights that people with disability have a higher rate of entrepreneurship than people without disability. As a result, SSI has developed a ground-breaking program that 'taps' into individual's ambitions and motivations for a future of sustainable self-employment.

SSI recognises that meaningful employment is important to a stable, secure and independent future, as well as to an individual's physical, mental and personal well-being and sense of belonging and identity.

IgniteAbility Small Business Start-ups demonstrates SSI's commitment to, and innovation in enhancing the social and economic participation of the people it supports.

How it works

IgniteAbility has been inspired by the success of the Ignite Small Business Start-ups model that assists people of refugee background. IgniteAbility will be tailored to address barriers and meet the specific needs of entrepreneurs with disability, providing an ecosystem of support for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Program participants who are passionate about starting or expanding a business are supported by an IgniteAbility Facilitator who:

- provides free and confidential support from locations that best suit the client
- supports capacity-building and networking in areas such as product development, marketing and financial management
- works with individuals to overcome barriers that may have prevented them from realising their potential.

The IgniteAbility program is also accessible to families and carers of people with disability.



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About Settlement Services International

SSI is a community-based not-for-profit organisation providing a range of services in the areas of refugee settlement, migrant support services, asylum seeker assistance, housing, multicultural foster care, disability support, employment services and youth support in NSW.

