### **Ohio SBDC's Onboarding Pillars of Professional Development**

# PRE-HIRE SCREENING (Hiring Process)

### **Description:**

Suggested traits to look for in a candidate; listed in order of importance:

- Interpersonal skills
- Listening Skills
- Small Biz Experience
- Direct/Honest
- Managerial Experience (for Director)
- Willingness to Learn
- Oral/WrittenCommunication
- Education
- Financing/Lending
- Finance/Accounting:Debt & Equity FinancePackaging
- Sales and Marketing
- Technology
- Organizational Skills
- Collaboration
- EconomicDevelopment

#### Method:

- Oral Q & A
- Review and validation of employment application and resume

# ADMINISTRATION (Post-Hire Process)

### **Description:** Initial Welcome:

- HR Paperwork
- Host Policies & Procedures
- Host Benefits
- Business Cards
- CIC New User Form
- Press Release
- Confidentiality / Conflict of Interest Form 250 or 250A
- Begain transition to SBDC Orientation

#### **SBDC ORIENTATION**

#### **Description:**

- 1. Online PowerPoint Overview
- 2. Lead Center Orientation:
- 3. In-person meeting w/Staff; Welcome Kit
- 4. Field Orientation components:

#### For Advisor:

- 1) Review w/director: services, funding, client referrals
- Register for CBA®; allot time to complete CBA®
- 3) Assign mentor (optional)
- 4) Review marketing materials, branding
- 5) Read Operations Guide
- 6) Develop /execute Individual Development Plan
- 7) Attend Regional Meeting
- 8) Attend monthly client workshops
- 9) Introduction to community partners/Advisory Board
- 10) Explain host and center relationship
- 11) Review Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- 12) Review Request for Proposal (RFP)

#### For Director (in addition to above):

- 1) Meet stakeholders, Advisor Board, staff
- 2) Meet State Director, Fiscal Mgr., staff
- 3) Review Director's Orientation Manual & Circulars
- 4) Obtain Federal Fiscal Year's Due Dates
- Review invoice reports, CIC, past on-site reviews, success stories, operational agreements, internal financial accountability software with Host controls
- 6) Review counseling notes and training events
- 7) Meet local / Regional Directors for mentorship opps.
- Review funding as it relates to host and other partners

### 5. Practicum (melding experience + education):

- 1) Analyze business plan; review w/supervisor
- 2) Attend regional partners' trainings
- 3) Shadow advisors, director counseling
- Co-counsel dependent on skills
- 6. Mentoring (both Director and Business Advisor)

# **CBA**® (Certification Process) **KNOWLEDGE FULFULLMENT Description:** TRADITIONAL **CBA COURSE Marketing Financial** HR **TOOLS & SKILLS TRAINING** • IQa© ProfitCents GrowthWheel

- Probativre Counseling
- Presenttion Skills
- SBA: Access to Capital Webinar

Survey conducted after graduation.

# ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Emphasizes Learning)

### **Description:**

Thru IDP, select ongoing professional development to fulfill 2 purposes:

- 1. To provide **Gap Training**. Gap Training is determined by CBA® performance and if it shows:
  - a. Weakness in overall topic (Marketing, HR, Accounting/Finance);
  - b. Weakness in a particular segment of the topic;
  - b. Poor writing skills

Gap training must be related to area of weakness and completed one year after graduating CBA®.

- 2. To fulfil annual CBA® Retention requirement. Can include:
  - Professional certifications
  - Business-related Trainings
  - SBDC Signature Webinars
  - Conferences
  - Projects
  - Workshops
  - Completion of tool training
  - Publishing
    - (3) Survey SBDC trainings.
    - (4) Survey advisor trainings.

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