



The Tech-YOU-Topia Network, Inc.: Our Story

Our Vision: To create a dynamic organization of independent, locally owned and operated, revenue generating, financially viable and sustainable community centers that support economic development through investing in people, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Our Mission: To fundamentally energize local and regional economic development, with special emphasis on rural America, through the development of a networked constellation of local centers (Tech-You-Centers) that support a 'Platform of Platforms' approach to empower people and communities to grow and excel. The Network will provide support to each local Center in the form of cutting-edge ubiquitous technology, a rich and diverse partner ecosystem and a set of novel and disruptive business models. As such, the TYT Network will provide near limitless opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurialism.

To fulfill our vision and mission, the TYT Network will work to achieve the following, specific objectives:

- Identify and assess the unique set of assets, needs, opportunities and goals that make each community unique and use this information in the design of each Tech-You-Topia Center;
- Embracing the understanding that all TYT Centers will share structural similarities, but no two (2) will be identical;
- Empowerment of local communities to maximize their existing assets to advance their economic development goals through innovation and experimentation;
- Steadfast adherence to the understanding that achievement of broad-based economic development, from the local to the national level, requires the support of human needs in the areas of education, holistic health, social interaction, cultural awareness, artistic exploration, and diversity and inclusion;
- Support the individual TYT Centers, and the TYT Network overall, by providing connectivity, communication, and ubiquitous technical support as well as the sharing of lessons learned;
- Create and maintain a network-wide learning management system (LMS) that supports skill and academic credential acquisition, curation of artifacts in multiple media, e-commerce, and expansion of the Network;
- Utilize a partner ecosystem, consisting of a broad array of businesses, corporations, governmental and quasi-governmental organizations, educational institutions, and not-for-profits to bring value to the TYT Network through collaborations, joint ventures, and strategic investments;
- Pilot new and disruptive business models in select locations within the TYT Network, that have the potential to be replicated and deployed in a sustainable manner across the Network;
- Support the sustainability of the TYT Network by the training of a self-perpetuating lineage of professional and technical persons able to operate, maintain, expand and improve the systems and practices that provide for the smooth functioning of the Network;
- Pursue all opportunities, at the local, regional, national, and international levels, to grow and expand the network;
- Continuous engagement in the process of grant proposal preparation and submission to appropriate organizations and agencies for the purpose of acquisition of funds to enhance the mission of the Network.