



**Kate Baker** is Interim Director of the Small Business Development Center at the University at Albany. As the Interim Director, Kate oversees a team of Business Advisors that work directly with current and future small business owners and entrepreneurs to establish, grow and expand their businesses. In addition, she oversees the Albany SBDC's disaster assistance programs, training initiatives, SEED, procurement assistance and SBIR/STTR grant assistance programs.

Kate's specialty areas include general business development, business mentoring, marketing plan development, procurement and certification assistance, crisis management, financial management, and customer service. Kate frequently presents business and entrepreneurial development seminars on a variety of topics for chambers of commerce, economic development and community organizations.

Kate was also responsible for launching the entrepreneurship initiatives at SUNY Adirondack in 2018, including developing regional resource partnerships, creating a hub for students, faculty and staff to access the business community and the business community to access the college constituencies, small business training resources, development of a virtual incubator model for deployment in Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties.

Prior to joining the SBDC, Kate was a corporate troubleshooter for a national hospitality company for 15+ years. She was actively involved in her family's small business for 23 years and has an Associate degree in Hotel Restaurant Management from Paul Smith's College and a Bachelor degree in History from Plattsburgh State.