

Ann Frank, GCDF

Director of the Balt Metro Women's Business Center

Ann Frank has more than 25 years of relationship building, account maintenance and consulting experience in public relations and business networking. Her passion for personal, professional, program & business development has led to a myriad of diverse leadership assignments and opportunities. Ann's professional experiences has gained her industry expertise to develop, organize, implement and consult on policies and practices created for workforce development, personal and business growth.

She has served, by recommendation, on an U.S. Presidential initiative as National Emergency Grant/OJT (OBAMA Economy Initiative) Business Representative for Prince Georges Economic Development Corporation. This high-profile NEG/OJT program served to help business owners afford a skilled workforce through training and specialized job placement. Ann is a 2017 recipient of the SMMCOC Minority Business Advocacy Award.

In previous endeavors she assisted Maryland's Small business Development Center, helping small businesses position themselves for resilience and sustainability post business interruptions and crises i.e., infrastructure, natural disaster or global issues. She additionally worked with SBA/ Small Business Development Center through The College of Southern Maryland & Maryland Department of Transportation (SHA), she and her teammates successfully help to position small minority businesses for government contracting. Recently they showcased businesses with direct leads to contract opportunities.

In Ann's current role she serves as the Director of the Baltimore Metropolitan Women's Business Center @ Morgan State University. In this role she creates programming, directs and manages operations for the benefit of women entrepreneurs to start, maintain and prosper for economic grow and sustainability. She is afforded the opportunity along with staff, resource partners and the University's executive host (EDAC) to embrace women entrepreneurs with accesses to capitol, resources business education and support for their progress and community reinvestment.

Ann is a graduate from University of Maryland; Baltimore County Honors College complimented by graduate studies (Organizational Communications; Bowie State University) and various certifications i.e., Trained Mediator, Global Career Development Facilitator, GCDF, and Life/Essential Skills College Instructor & Coach. Ann has received a Senate & House of Delegate congressional recognition for Business Advocate of the Year (SMCOC). Ann is a development enthusiast. Business innovation, training and opportunity is not something Ann just talks about, It is something she persistently represents at her CORE.