

## Introduction for Deborah Markley, PhD at Events



**Deborah Markley** is Co-Founder and Managing Director of the Center. Deb provides strategic oversight and management of the Center, which includes working with the Center's board of directors. In addition, she guides the Center's [measurement and research](#) agendas, including development and implementation of tools for measuring success, practice-driven research, and evaluation of model entrepreneurship development systems and initiatives in rural places. She collaborates with colleagues across the Center to capture and communicate the impact of the Center's work. Deb brings more than 30 years of experience in field-based research in rural economic development to the Center.

**The Center for Rural Entrepreneurship's** mission is to help community leaders build a prosperous future by supporting and empowering business, social and civic entrepreneurs. With our roots and hearts in rural America, we help communities of all sizes and interests by bringing *empowering research* together with *effective community engagement* to advance *community-driven strategies* for prosperity.

Our **Solution Area Teams** empower community leaders to find their own answers to the economic development challenges and opportunities they face:

- **Community Development Philanthropy** provides effective strategies to build local philanthropic capacity and generate development resources.
- **New Generation Partnerships** provides a framework for engaging young people now and attracting them in the future.
- **Entrepreneurial Communities** provides a roadmap for designing and delivering entrepreneurship strategies that work.

For tools and resources, visit the departments in e2 University at <http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org/library/e2university.html>.

To learn more about the Center, go to [www.energizingentrepreneurs.org](http://www.energizingentrepreneurs.org).

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