



CONNECTING ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITIES

2026 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE:

JOIN US IN **NEWAYGO COUNTY!**

THURSDAY, MAY 28 - FRIDAY, MAY 29



Join other like-minded communities at the 2026 Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Conference. CEC is a one-of-a-kind conference designed to share ideas, learn about helpful resources, and empower each other to support local entrepreneurs and a community's entrepreneurial thinking. And this year CEC will innovate once again as two Newaygo County communities, Fremont and Newaygo, partner to host!

A signature element unique to CEC is that all breakout sessions are embedded within community buildings and storefronts in downtown! Attendees will fully experience downtown Fremont and Newaygo and have plenty of time to network, walk, and patronize local businesses between sessions. Participants will also learn best practices from state and local entrepreneurial professionals.

The CEC conference starts at **noon, Thursday, May 28** and ends at **noon on Friday, May 29**. The registration fee includes two meals, the Thursday evening networking event, two local entrepreneur keynotes, and numerous breakout sessions to choose from. Each attendee will be able to attend five sessions. Registrants must reserve and pay for their own accommodations.

Individual Registrations

- Early registration: \$125 (now through April 10)
- Normal registration: \$150 (April 11- May 29)

GROUP registrations are not possible. However, **GROUP PAYMENTS** from communities and organizations are possible as long as they include the list of participants names with their payment.

Cancellations received after May 15 will incur a **\$35 cancellation fee** for all registrations.

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