

Kimberly Tiefenthaler, Regional Director for the North Central Iowa Small Business Development Center first started her career as a business owner with her husband who also happens to share the name, Kim. Kim & Kimberly are second generation business owners with Kim's father having started their business July 7, 1947 after coming home from the Korean War. Kimberly spent over 30 years working in their family business and began transitioning out in 2014. At that time, Kimberly spent the next 2 years caring for her parents.

In 2016, Kimberly joined America's SBDC Iowa as a business counselor for the North Central Iowa SBDC in Fort Dodge. In May 2017, she was offered the position of Regional Director for the Fort Dodge center serving 12 counties. Kimberly is also serving on the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Task Force focusing on Rural Business Development, Entrepreneurship and Rural Leadership.

Kimberly attended Iowa State University and Kent State University completing the MBA level certification required by the SBA becoming a Certified Business Advisor. Kimberly's business background has given her a passion for rural Iowa business of all types and stages. Working in the family business served as a valuable training ground for assisting businesses in North Central Iowa Region.