

Matthew Pugliese – State Star – Connecticut Small Business Development Center

Matt Pugliese has spent his career working in the performing arts, community development, and higher education.

Prior to joining the CT Small Business Development Center in 2019 as Associate State Director, Matt served as Executive Producer and Managing Director of Connecticut Repertory Theatre, the professional theatre at UCONN-Storrs and as Executive Director of Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theatre in Middletown, CT. He taught Financial Management in UCONN's MFA in Arts Administration degree program.

Matt serves on Old Saybrook's Board of Selectmen. Matt is also chair of Old Saybrook's Economic Development Commission, which he served on since 2015.

His volunteer service includes several years as a youth mentor with the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and for the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Walk Across Southeastern CT.

He holds a BA in Theatre and a graduate certificate in Non-Profit Management and Masters in Public Administration both from the University of Connecticut. In 2012, Matt was named to the Hartford Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list for his professional work and civic involvement.

Matt lives in Old Saybrook with his wife and their two daughters. In his free time, he enjoys training and competing in triathlons and cooking.