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Elevator Pitch

Pepperlane is a commerce-and-community platform designed specifically for moms to help them easily launch and grow flexible micro-businesses.

The Problem

The employment options available today to moms do not leverage the skills and talents moms want to monetize.

The Big Vision

Pepperlane will transform local economies nationally with ecosystems of thriving mom micro-businesses, completely expanding the contribution of micro-businesses to the national economy.



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40M+ Mothers Can't Put Their Skills to Work

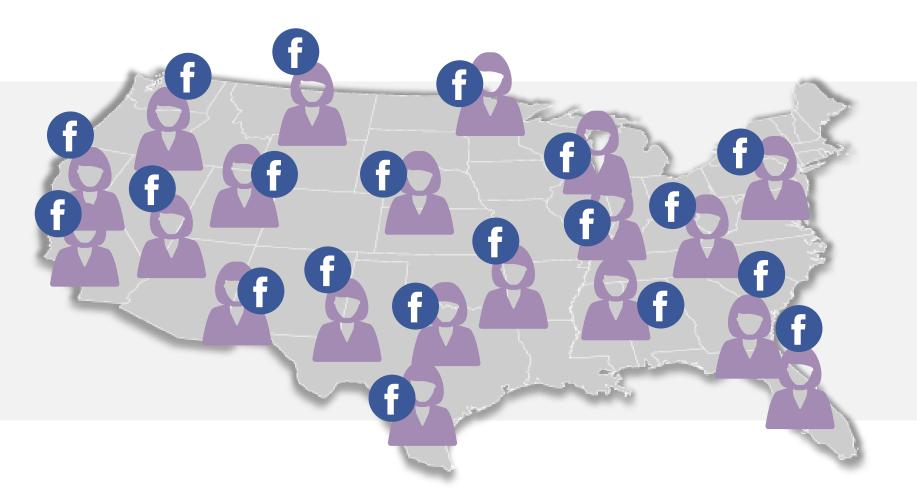
Millions of moms out there who *want to work*.

opportunity \$259.9 BILLION

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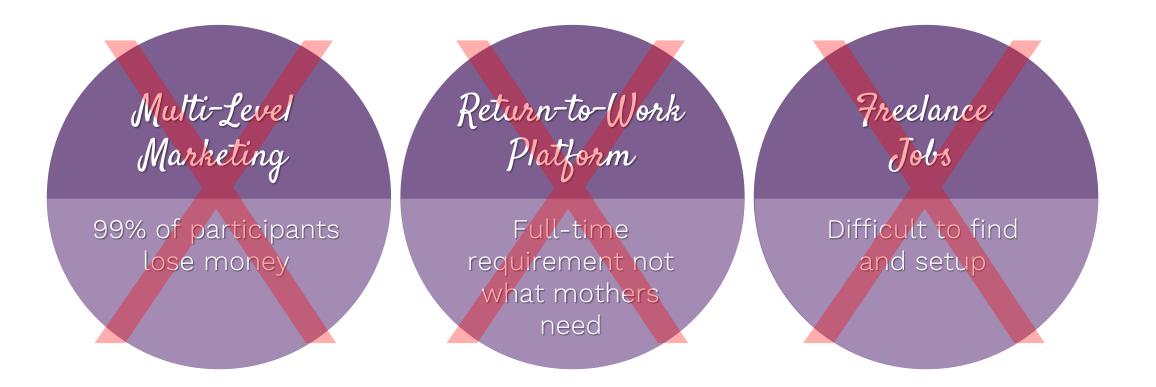


Now is The Perfect Time





Other Solutions for Getting Moms Working Fall Short





The only way mothers can get back to work in the way **they want** is to own their own business and **control their own destiny**.



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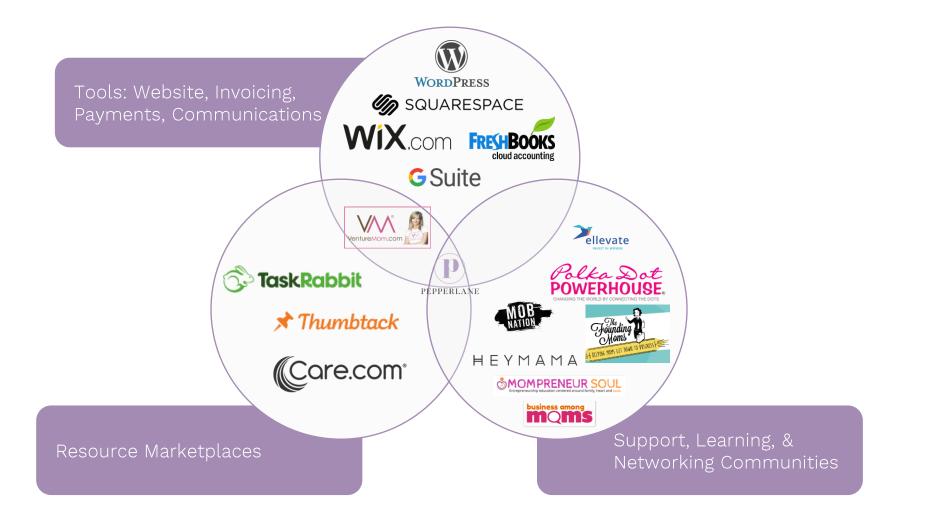
Robin Fishkind

Pet Care

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Pepperlane is the easy one-stop solution to start a micro-business



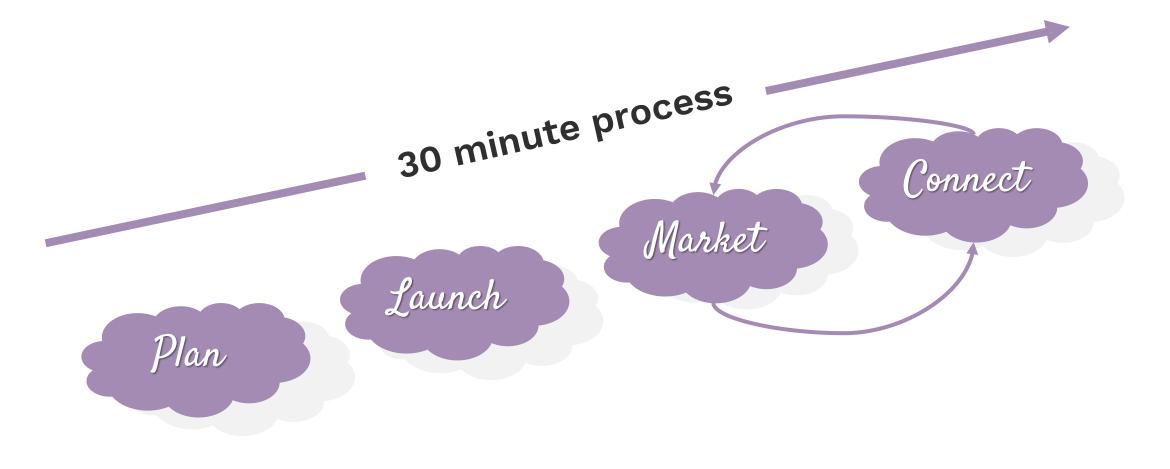
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Pepperlane is also the only one to start where moms start



Pepperlane is the fastest Cheapest way to go from idea to growth



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Sonia Demarta

Home Chef

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I was home for 15 years and trying to get back into the workplace was really, really hard. I went to Pepperlane and I was blown away."



Our Growth Strategy Will be Driven By Users (low \$)



September 11 · 2%

Amy Eaton Kroeker shared Modern Hero's video — with Karen Handel Baker.

What an amazing woman, empowering other women to follow their own passions. Also, my sister Jana Eaton Blanchette is featured briefly in the video. I'm a very proud sister!!!



70,102 Views

Jana Eaton Blanchette shared Pepperlane's post - with LuSundra Gass Everett EA and 7 others. September 29 · 11

Moms - Please check this out if you have a small business or even if you have a great idea for a business but you just don't know where to begin. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of this community of women.

Pepperlane September 28 · 🚱

Check out who made Boston 25 News!



Cambridge start-up helping mothers run their own businesses



Write a comment...

Avg. posts per month on FB by loyal users



of Pepperlane website visitors from 7 posts given reach and CLR

10% Pepperlane website conversion rate



of new members monthly of 1 loyal user's 7 FB posts

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Jane Blanchette

Custom Memory/ T-Shirt Quilts

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When I started doing my custom quilts for people I found this new energy inside of me. I was doing something truly for myself for the first time in 12 years."



We Have a Seasoned, Mom-Compassionate Team to Drive Continued Growth



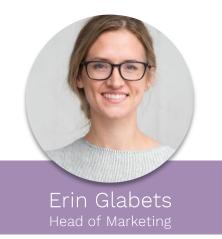
Sharon Kan

- 3-time CEO, former EIR @ Accomplice, 4-time cofounder, 2 time Exec chairwoman 1 GM, 3 exits
- Co-founder of the WIN (Women Innovating Now) Lab at Babson College.
- Mentored over 150 CEO's and business owners
- Proud mother of Leia and Siena



- Hands-on Product. UX and Engineering leader with experience building products and scaling teams to support their first million users
- 6th employee at Carbonite ٠ (NASDAO: CARB), first VP Product at Hopper (top-rated Travel app)
- Weary mother of cute toddlers: Natalie and Ben
- Three 4-digit growth companies, all 2 sided marketplace models, including the last almost 4 years as Paint Nite's COO which claimed Inc's #2 spot with 36k% growth. Pays it forward to multiple early stage startups in an advisory capacity. Oldest of 6 children who has always looked up to her mom.

Kate Keough



- Oversaw marketing at Runkeeper as it grew from 12M to 50M users, built brand that led to successful acquisition by ASICS
- Former journalist (Xconomy, Reuters, USA Today)
- New mother to 8-month-old girl, joined Pepperlane out of maternity leave







Advisors

Margaret McKenna (Co-Founder& Technology Advisor)

Built data team at Runkeeper and led platforms, consulted with federal agencies on data infrastructure for U.S. Digital Service

Adam Hanft (Brand Strategist)

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Rachel Jarrett (President at Zola)

She previously served as the General Manager of Gilt Baby & Kids and Head of Operations of Gilt Home. Prior to Gilt, she was Vice President and General Manager of Kids & Specialty Products at Barnes & Noble.com.

Current Investors

Accomplice



Expense / Financials

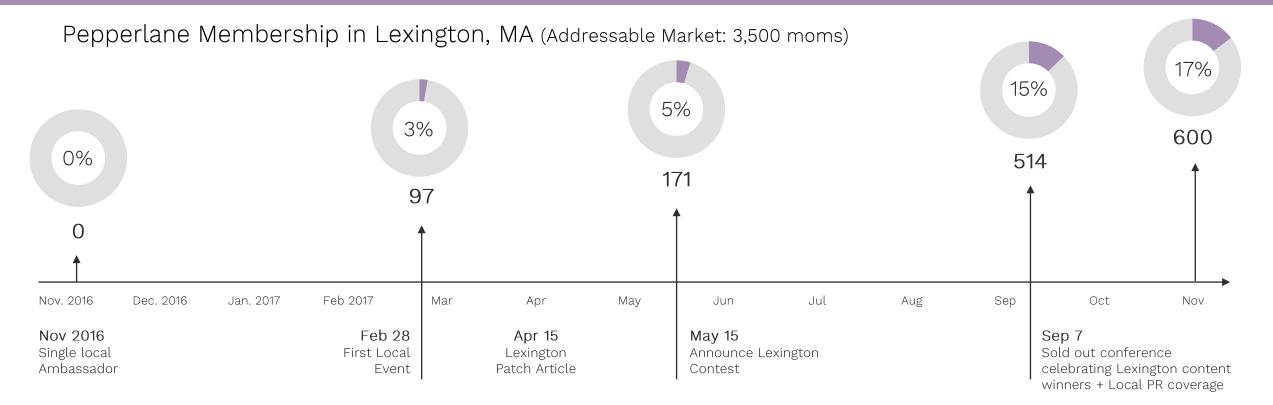
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Proven Market Penetration in Pilot:

In under a year, we achieved 17% market penetration in Lexington.



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We Not Only Are the Easiest Solution, We Save Moms About 75% in Costs.

Samples cost of combination of competitor services:

- Domain name: \$12 / year
- Custom email: \$60 / year
- Custom website: \$144 / year (minimum)
- Invoicing & Payments: \$162 / year (minimum)
- Marketplace fees: \$228 + 19% per transaction
- Professional networking fees: \$395 / year

Total: At least \$839 in the first year

Many end up spending even more \$ on a custom logo, custom website development, and marketing dollars Pepperlane costs:

- One-time joining fee: \$29
- \$18 / month or \$183 / year

Total: \$212 in the first year (75% less)



Proven Adoption Across White-Collar and Blue-Collar Moms:

Media coverage across audience bases led to equivocal increases in membership.







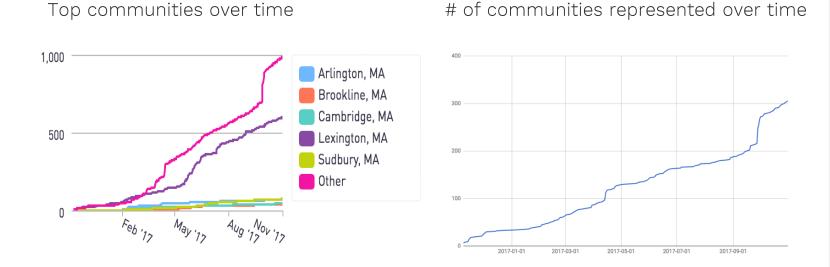
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Proven (/irality of Business Model:

WOM of members led us to grow reach from 1 to 300 communities in 1 year.



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I heard about Pepperlane from no joke 10 different people before I finally checked it out. I saw it on BBW a few times, I went to two networking groups in town and it came up at both groups, a woman who I am doing cooking for said I had to be up on PL. By the umpteenth mention from all different people I realized I had to see what this company is all about."

-Andi, Brighton, MA





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We're Facing A \$11.8B ()pportunity

\$2.86 Billion

Convert existing mom microbusinesses

25.5M micro-businesses in USx 42% owned by womenX 52% of women are momsx 17% market penetrationx \$3,000 average start-up costsfor micro-business

\$8.98 Billion

Expand the category by bringing new ready-to-work moms into micro-business space

36.1M million mothers
x 48.8% total stay at home, work part-time, or are unemployed*
x 17% market penetration
x \$3,000 average start-up costs for micro-business



Dominate start-up & management outlay from mom micro-businesses

Sources: Pepperlane Pilot Performance Data 2017; Bureau of Labor Statistics (2016); Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO); Small Business Administration (SBA); U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (2014); Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (2009)



Customer Journey



Jana has been a stay-at-home mom for 5 years; now her kids are entering school, and she has more time. She loves to create custom quilts. Her friends tell her "you should really start charging for these".



She's excited but nervous; she wants to take the next step, but has a lot of logistical questions about how to start a business, and she's not very techie.



She hears about Pepperlane from a friend and attends a local coffee chat. She finds a welcoming group of women who give her the confidence to get started



She creates a Pepperlane account to build her first website. She gets stepby-step guidance, and has PL and the online community for backup if she gets stuck



When she's ready to launch, she gets feedback from PL and goes live; she appears in PL marketplace and promotions, matchmaking, starts ranking in Google



She shares her site on Facebook; 100s visit her page, learning both about Jana and Pepperlane. She starts to get more and more business.



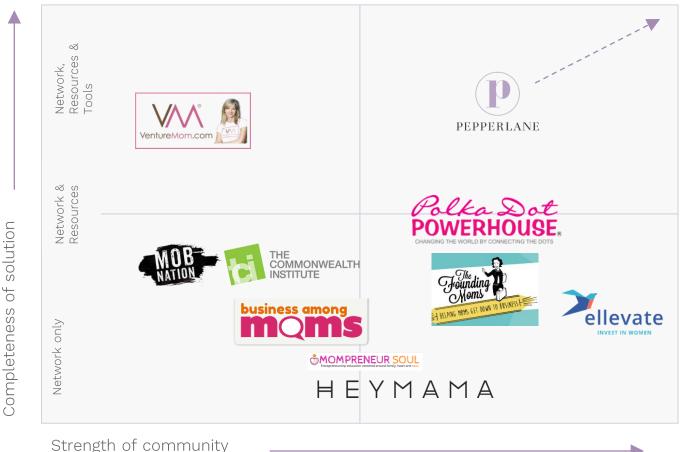
As her business picks up, she regularly hires other Pepperlane members to help with her business and her home life.



She attends and hosts Pepperlane coffee chats as a way of finding new customers and giving back to the community.



Market Fit/Competition



Pepperlane is well-positioned to scale by using technology wisely

Most competitors are small (<1-10K members), self-funded or crowd-funded, and typically charge \$300-400 per year for networking and resources only, plus additional fees for coaching and events. Most have little to no inhouse tech expertise.

Most successful is Ellevate with ~35-50K members (focused on professional women)

Closest direct competitor, VentureMom.com appears to be self-funded by founder Holly Hurd

Audience ~2000 on Facebook

Charges \$99 setup fee + 19% of sales through marketplace







- Sold out 4 weeks in advance, went to waitlist
- Paid exhibitor slots sold out in 2 hours

• Featured speaker Tatte founder Tzurit Or (single mother who grew business from her kitchen to strategic partnership with Panera)



Karen Baker

Custom Photo Books and Resume/Interview Prep

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I was at a point where I really needed to do some more marketing with my businesses. And what I love is the fact that it's an opportunity for women to connect with other women."



Stefanie Johnson Personal Stylist

I shop at Pepperlane because the services provided are impossible to find anywhere else. They are services that allow me to focus on what I want to focus on and hand off what has to get done to women who are passionate about what they do."



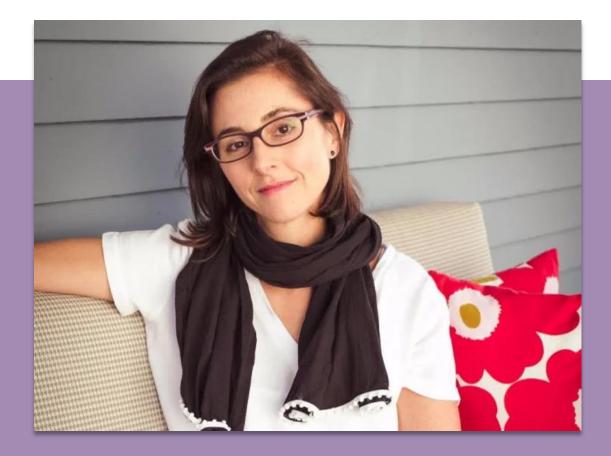
Cheryl Kirkman Affordable Technology Consulting

I feel empowered and more confident about what I am doing since becoming a member at Pepperlane. When you're starting a business there are lots of ups and downs and unknowns. The Pepperlane community reminds me that I can do this."



Sara Langelier Design for Creative Kids Spaces

I started crying while watching the video on your home page because I was so inspired. This is what I have been waiting for. I love that there is also a community. We need to bring the village back."



Sophan Smith Make-up Artist

I am such a perfectionist I knew I would never get up there if it was left to me. I love being welcomed into this community."

