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Working Today for a Connected Tomorrow

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NCC’s final webinar as partners on the National Broadband Resource Hub.

The webinar will discuss the barriers to connectivity, particularly as it relates to affordability, with a central focus on collaboration and partnership.

We will be highlighting and reiterating the value of local experts and their important perspective on tackling challenges and barriers.
Status of the Affordable Connectivity Program

FEBRUARY 2024
Cease new enrollments

MAY 2024
ACP Extension Act – $7B
H.R.8466 ACP Improvement + Extension Act
The Stakeholder Ecosystem that Comprises the Alliance for Digital Equity

May 2024
Our Collective Approach

The Alliance has several core foundational principles that it applies to the solutions we develop.

**People first** - center the solutions on the people impacted by digital inequity. This means ground-truthing ideas and using people’s experience to inform the design and implementation.

**Network based** - the Alliance recognizes the many formal and informal networks that connect organizations and people in our region. The Alliance seeks to bring added value and coordination to these networks and use the wisdom and connectivity of the networks for design and implementation.

**Use what exists** - if it already exists, the Alliance would prefer to expand or enhance existing capacity, rather than build something new.
The Power of Collective Action

In Six Months of Implementation

- Outreach to over 1500 residents in covered populations in three counties
- Over 200+ ACP signups
- Digital Skill Interventions to over 1100 residents
- Devices Refurbishment & Hotspots
  - 424 Devices @ $103.5k market value
- Monthly & Ongoing
  - Digital Skills Network
  - Library Network
  - Older Adult Network
  - Alliance Monthly meetings
  - ACP Network→ Digital Navigators Network (CHW Model)
  - Regional & Statewide Advocacy
  - Evaluation & Train-the-Trainer Sessions
If you’re just looking for what’s directly in front of you, you cannot see what’s emerging around you.
You can’t control chaos, but you can seek out the patterns around you and follow the ones that bring positive change.
Complex problems cannot be solved by one person or one organization alone.

Network slides thanks to The Interaction Institute for Social Change
Take a Look!

NCC’s 2023 Year in Review

May Newsletter | Bipartisan Tech

State Broadband Policy Map

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Upcoming Next Century Cities Events

AI and the Digital Divide | June 20th at 2:00 p.m. ET

Broadband Book Club: Privacy at the Margins | July 25th at 2:00 p.m. ET
Resources

- **Cut off From the Courthouse**, report by the Samuelson Law, Technology, & Public Policy Clinic at the University of California, Berkeley, and Next Century Cities
- **Developing a Digital Equity Theory of Change with Tech Goes Home** created by the Digital Equity Research Center
- Community Listening tools: [https://cortico.ai/](https://cortico.ai/)
- **National Digital Inclusion Alliance Digital Navigator Model**
- **Roundtable Outcomes Report: A Look Ahead to Access and Regulation in the Not-Too-Distant Broadband Future**; Roundtable Discussion Date: December 1, 2023, Silicon Flatirons Center at the University of Colorado Law School
- **Digital Equity Ecosystems Measurement Framework Report**