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*Digital divide is the issue.*
*Digital inclusion is the work.*
*Digital equity is the goal.*
Digital Equity: The Goal

Condition where all individuals have the technology capacity needed to participate in:

● Society
● Democracy
● Economy

Source: NDIA Definitions Page
Digital Inclusion: The Work

The activities necessary to ensure that all individuals have access to:

- Affordable home broadband
- Appropriate devices
- Digital Skills
- Tech Support
- Applications

Source: NDIA Definitions Page
NDIA’s Vision

Everyone has the opportunity to use technology to:

- Live
- Learn
- Work
- Thrive
Affordable, Appropriate Devices
Affordable, High-Speed Internet
Ongoing Technical Support
Digital Skills Training

The Road to Digital Equity
About NDIA

Practitioner Support  Policy  Awareness  Data & Research
Coronavirus for kids without internet: Quarantined worksheets, learning in parking lots
Federal Investment in Digital Equity: Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

$65 Billion, including:

- Digital Equity Act-$2.75B
- Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program-$42.5B
- Affordable Connectivity Program-$14.2B
- Digital Discrimination section
Digital Equity Act Programs

- NTIA
  - STATES
    - STATE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
      - $60 MILLION
    - STATE CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM
      - $1.44 BILLION
    - COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM
      - $1.25 BILLION
Whose Job is it to Solve the Digital Divide?
National Digital Inclusion Alliance advances digital equity by supporting community programs and equipping policymakers to act.

1600+ Affiliates
50 States + DC, AS, CNMI, GU, PR, VI
27 Tribal Entities
Scan for NDIA Resources

Free Access To:

⭐ Toolkits
⭐ Manuals
⭐ Guidebooks
⭐ Free & Low Cost Internet Plans
**Digital Inclusion Trailblazers** are municipal, county or regional governments that are paving the way and providing excellent models for digitally inclusive communities.

You’ll find over 600+ resources, including:

- 134 Local Program Examples
- 50 Model Policies & Resolutions
- 24 Digital Equity Plans
The Most Successful Holistic Solution: Ecosystems

- Combination of programs and policies that meet a geographic community’s needs
- Coordinating entities work together to address all aspects of the digital divide
Awareness efforts must include the positive impacts of digital inclusion solutions

- Sharing stories of programmatic AND individual success.
- The collective power of coalitions can help communities raise this awareness.
Your community, your coalition

- If you are aware of a local digital inclusion coalition, seek to support and join their work
- If you are interested in forming a coalition, learn more from our Digital Inclusion Coalition Guidebook
Our data needs to do more than explain the digital divide

- Carefully constructed data collection, program evaluations and longitudinal studies are necessary.
Sustainability - Digital Inclusion Can’t Stand Alone

Digital Inclusion must be Layered in with other programs

- Intentionally weaving digital equity throughout broadband, health, finance, education, housing, workforce, and other social programs will help increase the lasting impact of investments.
NDIA has 1,600+ Affiliates … let’s keep building

- To be effective, a broad range of community members need to understand the value of digital equity and have the tools to advocate for community-driven solutions.
Join the NDIA Community

Become an Affiliate and get free access to:

⭐ NDIA listserv with free resources, research and tools

⭐ Monthly Community Calls

⭐ Monthly Newsletter