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**Digitally Engaged Communities: Helping Residents Get Online and Thrive Online** 



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# DIGITALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITIES: HELPING RESIDENTS GET ONLINE AND THRIVE ONLINE

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## Webinar Agenda

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- 2016: A Digital Society
- EveryoneOn Model & Story
- Public Housing as a Platform
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- Digital Inclusion Playbook
- Vanguard Communities
  - Little Rock Metropolitan Housing Authority
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    - Resident Engagement Strategies
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- EveryoneOn.org Review



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#### **DIGITAL DIVIDE**



On average, **24.7 percent of households** in the United States are without home access.

The digital divide disproportionately affects low-income and minority populations. In HUD assisted housing it is estimated that approximately half are unconnected.

**Cost of devices and digital literacy** are also a barrier for low-income HUD residents.

# 2016: A DIGITAL SOCIETY

#### **Resources moving online:**

**Ninety-four percent** of recruiters use or plan to use social media to find potential employees. Fifty percent of today's jobs require technology skills, & this percentage is expected to grow to **77%** in the next decade.

Teachers of the lowest income students are more than twice as likely as teachers of the highest income students (56% v. 21%) to say that students' lack of access to digital technologies is a "major challenge" to incorporating more digital tools into their teaching.

Students with a PC & broadband at home have graduation rates that are 6-8% higher than similar students who don't have home access to the Internet.

#### **OUR MOTTO & MISSION**

#### EveryoneOn is a national nonprofit devoted to closing the digital divide in America.

There are three primary reasons people are offline, & these are what we work against:

#### COST

We work to provide access to **affordable computers & Internet service** for as low as \$10 per month.

#### RELEVANCY

We **build awareness** of the importance of Internet through national and local outreach.

#### **DIGITAL LITERACY**

We provide **access to best-in-class content** both online & inperson training.

HUD stakeholders like the Public Housing Authorities & the residents they serve are pre-qualified for low-cost offers through: <u>www.EveryoneOn.org/HUD</u>.

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# **OUR MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

#### Regardless of color, creed or circumstance, everyone deserves the Internet and the opportunity it brings.



- Spawned in 2012 by the FCC as a public awareness campaign and digital inclusion pilot
- Becomes standalone non-profit in 2013
- Based in Washington D.C. with personnel on the ground in five states

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#### The Three-Legged Stool of Digital Inclusion

- 1. Affordable and high speed Internet service
- 2. Inexpensive and quality devices
- 3. Top notch digital literacy training

Insight: If you make the Internet accessible and affordable, people will adopt and lives will be changed.



# With this model, we have connected almost 200,000 low-income families since 2013 in 49 states

# **A VISION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**



"If you're a student and you don't have Internet access at home...You may have to wait in long lines at public libraries or even in parking lots at the local McDonald's just to try to get digital access...That's not what America's about."

- President Barack Obama Durant, Oklahoma July 15, 2015



"For families here, at West Bluff, the days when young folks had to research a paper using the Wi-Fi at McDonalds, or research a paper using a library computer, are over."

- US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro Kansas City, Missouri February 3, 2016

# LAUNCHING CONNECTHOME

#### ConnectHome: Narrowing the Digital Divide in Public Housing

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, ConnectHome launched, a new initiative with communities, the private sector, and federal government to expand Internet access to more American families.

Through ConnectHome, communities and stakeholders provide to families with school-age children who live in HUD-assisted housing:

- free and low-cost Internet service
- devices
- training
- other resources.



"This is such a great opportunity for my girls. I wrapped the Internet modem and computer in gift wrap... We will no longer have to spend long evenings at the library or McDonald's to connect."

> – Mrs. Ramos, mother Newly connected to the Internet

#### **CONNECTHOME PROGRAMMING & STAKEHOLDERS**



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# **VANGUARD COMMUNITIES**

The ConnectHome pilot program is launching in twenty-seven cities and one tribal nation. It aims to reach nearly 200,000 children living in public housing with the support they need to access the Internet at home.



- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Newark, NJ
- Philadelphia, PA
- Rockford, IL
- San Antonio, TX

**DIGITAL INCLUSION PLAYBOOK** 

#### HOW CAN I RECREATE THE CONNECTHOME MODEL FOR MY COMMUNITY?







Bulk Adoption Strategies Accessing ConnectHome/L ocal Resources **Best Practices** 

#### **BULK ADOPTION STRATEGIES**



WHERE CAN I HAVE THE MOST IMPACT?

- ISP & Coverage Checks
  - Understanding which offers are available to residents? How is eligibility structured?
- Information Dispersal
  - What is the best method of getting the word out to residents? Mail, word-of-mouth, social media?
- Enrollment Events
  - How can we merge our digital inclusion efforts with existing programs and take advantage of different audiences?

#### **ACCESSING LOCAL RESOURCES**



HOW CAN I PLUG INTO EXISTING RESOURCES?

- Educational Institutions
  - Partnering with local K12 school districts, community colleges, and charter schools to promote digital learning.
- Community Spaces
  - Libraries, Museums, and Boys & Girls
    Clubs
- Nonprofits/Like-minded individuals
  - Who else's mission aligns with mine?

#### **BEST PRACTICES**



#### CREATING A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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#### Best Practices/Planning Ahead

- Engage the Resident Counsel Community to include them in your ConnectHome advisor committee (for <u>non-CH sites</u>: inform residents about resources through EO and <u>www.everyoneon.org/hud</u>)
- "Early Wins" should include rewards of the Resident Counsel efforts
- Know your audience and gain their trust
- Prepare to cold call and door knock
- Include residents on every opportunity for Section 3 activity
- When preparing your Partner Outreach have a solid plan and with a specific "ask" prepared
- Memorandum of Understanding "MOU" prepared
- Continue the momentum

# **ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY**



#### WHAT IS CONNECTHOME?

These days many families are connected to the internet and have instant access right inside their own home. But what about the families who are not always connected? What about Low Income/Public Housing residents?

In 2015, President Barack Obama announced ConnectHome, an initiative with communities, the private sector and federal government to expand high-speed broadband to more families across the country. ConnectHome was launched in twenty-seven cities and one tribal nation all over the continental United States. The City of Rockford and RHA are one of these community partnerships.

More than 60 million Americans lack the digital literacy skills necessary to take advantage of the resources and services found on the internet, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, *NTIA Broadband Adoption Toolkit* (May 2013.) For this reason, Internet Service Providers, non-profits and the private sectors are offering broadband access, technical training, digital literacy, programs, and devices for residents in public housing units.



#### Resident Engagement is Key!

- Blogs/Twitter/Facebook
- Resident Surveys
- Newsletters
- Local Media Outlets

# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Anyone in the United States can visit EveryoneOn.org or text 'Connect' to 215-45 and discover low-cost Internet service, devices, and free computer and Internet training at over 8,000 sites across the country.

# **Get Connected**

Whether it's finding a job or learning new skills, you should benefit from Internet connectivity.

Type in your zipcode

Find Offers

#### LOW-COST INTERNET SERVICE OFFERS AVAILABLE



## **OFFERS: DEVICES**

#### **Computer Offers**



We also work with device refurbishers in order to **offer affordable devices**.

The prices listed under the devices include shipping. All desktops & laptops include Windows 7 Pro, free Microsoft Office software, 90-day warrantee, & tech support.

#### FINDING COURSES NEAR YOU

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We have a database of schools, libraries, and community centers across the country that offer digital literacy courses and/or public computing centers.

#### **KNOWLEDGE CENTER**

# **Using the Internet**

Make the most of the digital world by accessing online resources that will improve your quality of life.

EveryoneOn provides a platform of online resources through our **knowledge center**. With content covering education, financial literacy, career training and much more, our knowledge is a perfect resource for newly connected individuals looking to learn.











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