

Chelan County Broadband Action Team

Working to bring high-speed internet connectivity to unserved and underserved Chelan County residents, and to ensure all residents possess the skills and support needed to fully benefit from increased digital equity resources.





CHELAN COUNTY



- SkillSource
- Wenatchee Valley College
- NCW Equity Alliance
- NCW Hispanic Business Council
- North Central Educational Service District
- Wenatchee School District
- Cascade School District
- Wenatchee Valley YMCA
- Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center
- Thriving Together NCW
- Community for the Advancement of Family Education (CAFÉ)
- NCW Libraries
- Community Health Plan of Washington
- Chelan County Fire Districts
- Lake Chelan Health
- Chelan-Douglas Health District

Timeline

February 13: Initial stakeholder call held

March 10: Infrastructure & Equity Teams Convened

April-May: Asset Inventories Solicited

May: Digital Equity Plan Work Group Formed

June 14: Action Plans Submitted to Commerce

September 28: Public Action Plans Published



Key Findings

- A. Grants needed to build out last 15% of fiber network.
- B. Improving take rate is an important next step.
- C. 22% of residents don't have a computer or laptop.
- D. Digital equity challenges are often intertwined with other inequalities.
- E. A cross-sector collaboration is essential.



Looking Ahead

- September is Digital Equity Month!
- Next Chelan County BAT meeting
 - September 28 from 2-3 pm
- NCW Digital Access & Equity Coalition
 - September 28 from 3-4 pm
 - All stakeholders invited:
 - Chelan
 - Douglas
 - Grant
 - Okanogan
 - Confederated Tribes Colville Reservation



Thank you!

