

# ConnectHome

## What is ConnectHome?

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ConnectHome is a public-private collaboration to bridge the digital divide for families with school-age children who live in HUD-assisted housing.

ConnectHome is the next step in President Obama's continued efforts to bring affordable broadband access, technical training, digital literacy programs, and electronic devices to all Americans.

## How does ConnectHome work?

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ConnectHome creates a platform for community leaders, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private industry to join together and produce locally-tailored solutions for narrowing the digital divide.

Through these stakeholders' specific commitments to provide free or low-cost broadband access, devices, and digital literacy training, ConnectHome extends affordable access to low-income families, ensuring that high-speed Internet follows our children from their classrooms back to their homes.



*HUD Secretary Julián Castro and local ConnectHome champions connect with students in Nashville, TN, Fresno, CA, and Newark, NJ, via videoconference in January, 2016.*

## Why is ConnectHome important?

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All children deserve a fair shot at building a brighter future and achieving their dreams. Yet, the benefits of the digital revolution have been unevenly distributed.

At a time when 90% of college applications are submitted online, children without access to high-speed Internet are deprived of the tools, skills, and educational opportunities critical for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our nation's digital divide is particularly severe among many of the people HUD serves, including:

- Families earning less than \$25,000 per year,
- Individuals without high-school degrees, and
- Communities of color.

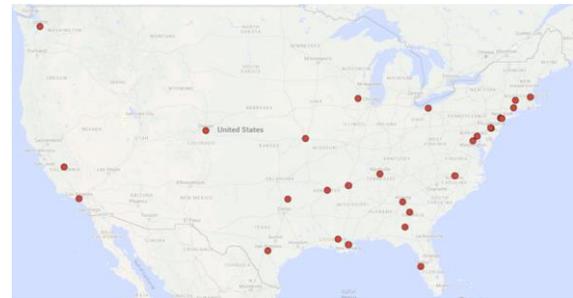
Currently, less than half of our nation's poorest families have a wired Internet subscription at home, and more than 60 million Americans lack basic digital literacy, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

## Where is ConnectHome?

ConnectHome has launched in **27 cities and 1 tribal nation** across the United States.

Ultimately, ConnectHome aims to scale throughout the nation, connecting all HUD-assisted housing communities.

The initial 28 ConnectHome communities are:



Albany, GA	Cleveland, OH	Macon, GA	Philadelphia, PA
Atlanta, GA	Denver, CO	Memphis, TN	Rockford, IL
Baltimore, MD	Durham, NC	Meriden, CT	San Antonio, TX
Baton Rouge, LA	Fresno, CA	Nashville, TN	Seattle, WA
Boston, MA	Kansas City, MO	New Orleans, LA	Springfield, MA
Camden, NJ	Little Rock, AR	New York, NY	Tampa, FL
Choctaw Nation, OK	Los Angeles, CA	Newark, NJ	Washington, DC

## When is ConnectHome happening?

<b>July 2015</b>	President Obama announces ConnectHome
<b>End of 2015</b>	Communities convene local stakeholders and prepare implementation plans
<b>Early 2016</b>	Communities begin implementing plans
<b>July 2016</b>	Communities complete first round of broadband expansion

## Who is taking part in ConnectHome?

Some of the stakeholders ConnectHome has brought together to assist communities include:

<b>Broadband Providers</b>	CenturyLink, Cherokee Communications, Cox, Google Fiber, Pine Telephone, Sprint, SuddenLink Communications, Vyve Broadband
<b>Non-Profits</b>	EveryoneOn, US Ignite, American Library Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, College Board, Common Sense, GitHub, Khan Academy, Public Broadcasting Service
<b>Foundations</b>	80/20 Foundation, James M. Cox Foundation
<b>Companies</b>	Age of Learning, Apploi, BestBuy



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