

ConnectHome

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

How: ConnectHome creates a platform for communities and stakeholders to provide free and low-cost Internet service, devices, training and other resources.

Why: All children deserve a fair shot at building a brighter future and achieving their dreams. Without access to affordable high-speed Internet, children from low-income families are deprived of the tools, skills, and educational opportunities critical for success in the 21st century. Our nation's [digital divide](#) is particularly severe among the people HUD serves, including families earning less than \$25,000 per year, individuals without high-school degrees, and communities of color.

Where: ConnectHome launched in **28 communities** with HUD-assisted housing across the country:

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: The initial timeline for implementing ConnectHome is:

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

Who: Some of the stakeholders working with the initial 28 ConnectHome Communities include:

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



Contact: Michael K. Liimatta, ConnectHome Manager **Phone:** 202.402.5281

HUD: Office of Public and Indian Housing → Office of Public Housing Investments

Website: connecthome.hud.gov **E-mail:** ConnectHome@hud.gov

FAQ: connecthome.hud.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/FAQsConnectHome.pdf