EQUITY IN EDUCATION COALITION

CONNECT WA / TECHCONNECT WA

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WHO WE ARE

Connect WA Coalition

Connect Washington Coalition (CWC) is a collaborative of:

digital access stakeholders working to increase digital access for

Black, Indigenous, Communities of Color, low-income communities, students, and elders.

Internet Action Crisis Team, launched in April 2020 by Washington State Representative Mia Gregerson, an informal weekly gathering to coordinate and share information around digital access.

Connect Washington Coalition has been building statewide strategies for digital equity, responding to our communities' urgent digital access needs and working towards a Washingtonian where everyone has universal, affordable, and sufficient internet, devices, and the skills to participate in our communities.

The strength of the Connect Washington Coalition lies in its diversity of stakeholders, including on-the-ground community-based organizations, Tribal leaders, national experts in digital inclusion, large nonprofits reaching millions of people, public officials, government offices, and internet service providers.



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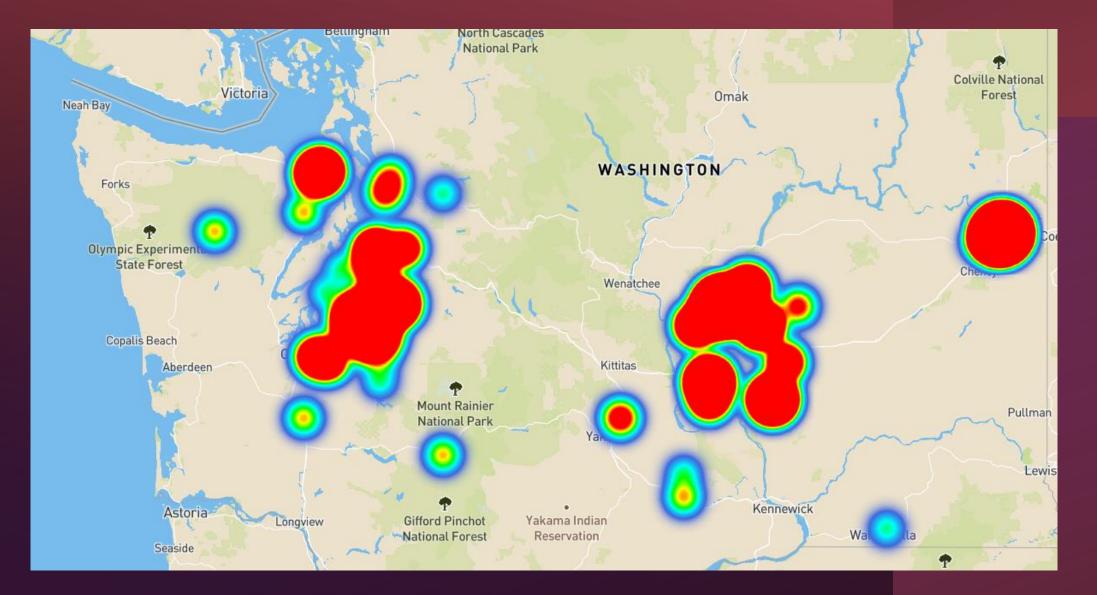
TechConnectWA

From a grant supported by Washington State Department of Commerce, the TechConnect Washington Community Helpdesk provides FREE technical support to all Washington residents to help them engage in a virtual environment.

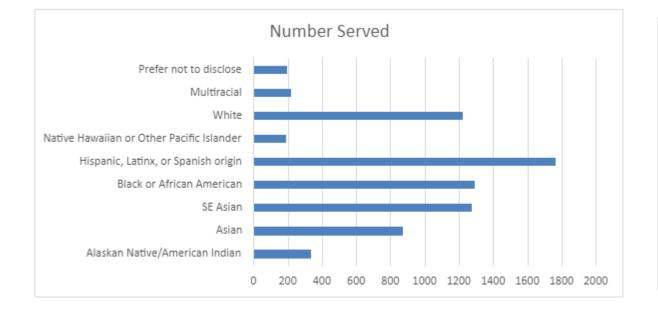
Helpdesk Technicians are standing by to provide technical guidance, digital navigation support, and connections to other community resources to support parents, students, elders, and all community members during this time. The team is available to provide guidance via remote desktop, chat, email, or phone in multiple languages.

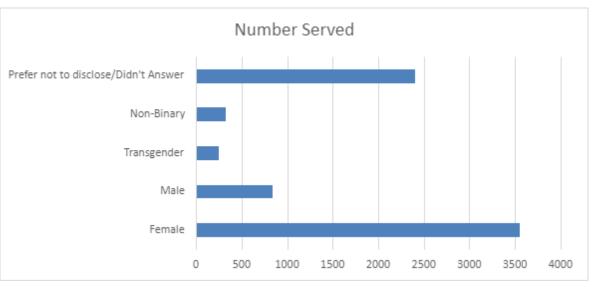
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- Vietnamese
- English

42 Digital Navigators working hand in hand with community members in rural areas

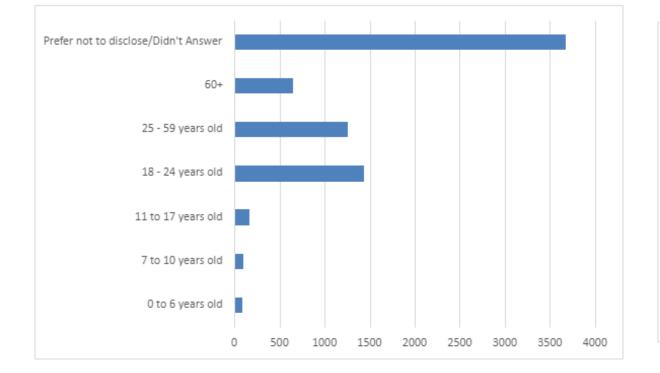


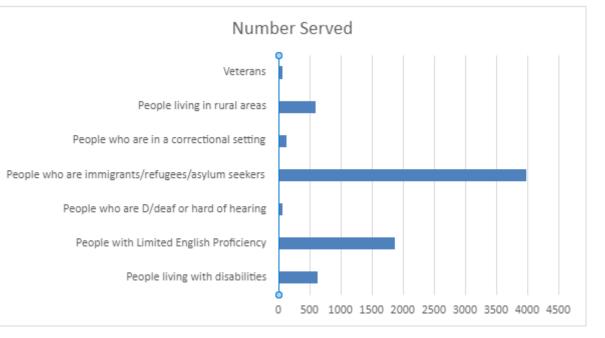
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OUR PARTNERS

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> <u>State Library System</u> Asotin County Library Jefferson County Library Spokane County Library Sno-Isle Libraries

Communities in Schools

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WHAT'S NEXT

LOOKING AHEAD



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THANK YOU



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