Chromebook Distribution

Partnership guidelines and logistics

11/30/23

Welcome - Chromebook Award

Maryland Connected Devices Program: awarded **5,000 devices**

- To be distributed to eligible households throughout the Carroll County Community

The Carroll County Broadband Project Manager Office

Introductions

Please share your name, organization, and the intended recipients of your Chromebook allotment.

Questions or comments in the chat are welcome throughout our conversation today.

Questions and their answers will be shared in the follow-up email, along with these slides and the resources mentioned.

Who Can Receive a Chromebook?

Household: individuals sharing income and expenses

A household (HH) is eligible if...

- Their total income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, *and/or*

- At least one member of the HH receives assistance from:
  - SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit or Lifeline
  - Tribal-specific programs, such as Tribal TANF
  - Free and reduced-price school meal program or a CEP school
  - Federal Pell Grant
  - Broadband provider's existing low-income program

10,052 households in Carroll are eligible for SNAP benefits and **4,473 families** are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Affordable Connectivity Program

Those who qualify for a Chromebook, will also qualify for the **Affordable Connectivity Program** (ACP).

Covers up to **$30 per month**, or $75 per month for those on qualifying Tribal lands, on a household's internet service plan. The household is responsible for any amount above that on their internet bill.

- Can be applied to any new or existing internet service plan from a participating provider.

- Is applied as a discount on the household's monthly service bill.

- Covers taxes and fees.

How to register? Go to **GetACP.org.** You can also take a free ACP training on **Education SuperHighway** so you are prepared to help!

ACP Events

The CTIC will be organizing Chromebook and ACP registration events semimonthly across Carroll County, MD.

- As dates are finalized, CTIC will share them in the weekly newsletter (updates to be shared directly as well, but newsletter will be the most regular update source)
- Please consider sending a volunteer from your organization
- You can also partner with us for one of these events

First Chromebook distribution and ACP sign-up is a partnership with Find Your Purpose. The event will be held on **December 19th, 3-7pm** at the **Autonomous Robotics Innovation Center** (ARIC).

The Good Stuff: Getting Your Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be delivered in "lots" over the next couple months and will be stored at **Westminster Self Storage**.

Coordinate pick-ups or deliveries with CTIC.

Make your distribution plans and consult with the CTIC Team for support.

Contact:

Molly at 301-712-5178 to attain Chromebooks

Schedule a planning meeting at **calendly.com/mollyesherman** with the CTIC Digital Equity Team.

We have until **April 30th** to distribute **5,000 Chromebooks.** What remains by that date will be returned... **it's go time!**

Distributing Chromebooks

Distributing Chromebooks should be on a schedule based on hours of operation and, if hosting events, be during times that demonstrate the greatest potential for attendance. Events should look like:

Providing Hardware

- The Chromebook!
- Device set up

Connecting to Resources

- Your organization's online resources and tools
- Local and online opportunities for digital skills development
- ACP registration

Celebrating

- Something joyous
  - Eg music

Carroll Digital Equity Coalition (CDEC)

Mission: Connect organizations and local government, anchor and amplify digital inclusion work in Maryland, and empower communities towards <u>digital equity.</u>

<u>Digital equity</u> is a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society.

We will continue to support your work in digital equity through CDEC. Chromebooks are just the start!

Kick-off meeting: January 18th, 10am, in-person in Westminster

Take Aways

- Make your distribution plans
- Save the date for the CED Kick-Off: **January 18th, 10am**
- View the *free* ACP resources on Education Superhighway
- Drop in at **ARIC on December 19th during 3-7pm** to check-out the device distribution and ACP registration
- Subscribe to the CTIC newsletter (bottom of the CTIC website home page) for the quickest access to finalized Chromebook & ACP events
- Stay tuned for dedicated CTIC web page with CDEC resources

Thank You!