

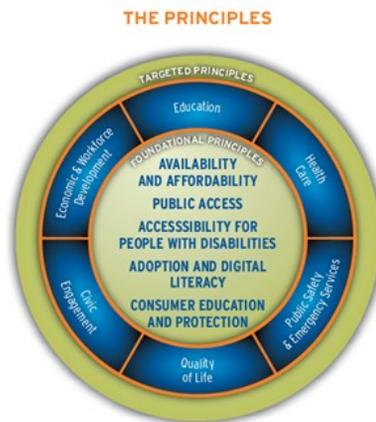


# Get Involved!

## Business Sector

- Donate used computer equipment to nonprofit groups that provide digital inclusion services.
- Develop partnerships and strategic alliances with public libraries and other community-based organizations to provide public access equipment, trainers, and other resources.
- Support competitive policies, to expand markets and encourage innovative options for broadband.
- Align existing online presence with national standards for accessibility; move towards universal design for future projects. (see <http://webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist> or <http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>)
- Invest in the development of assistive technology — with the participation of the disabilities community — to reduce cost, improve design, and enable new applications.
- Support mentoring and technology programs at local schools
- Support legislation that enables prosecution of cyberfraud and cybercrime.
- Develop relationships with K-12 and post-secondary institutions to provide educators with current information on the skills employers need for the 21st century workforce.

The ideas here are taken from the *Proposed Framework for Digitally Inclusive Communities*, developed in collaboration by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington State University, and the International City/County Management Association. The framework identifies overarching principles as well as the elements or key characteristics of organizations and communities that foster digital inclusion.



For details see: [tascha.uw.edu/digital-inclusion-framework](http://tascha.uw.edu/digital-inclusion-framework)

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## Digital Inclusion Outreach

### Ideas for contributing toward a digitally inclusive community

#### Individuals

- Donate used technology equipment to community groups that provide equipment to low-income households and community organizations.
- Advocate for sufficient funding for libraries and other community-based organizations to support public access in the community.
- Clearly express personal accessibility needs and preferred accommodations to technology providers, and advocate for these accommodations on behalf of others.
- Volunteer at the public library to tutor a new user on basic computer skills.
- Help a neighbor connect to the Internet.
- Secure home networks and accounts with strong passwords.
- Educate children about use of technology and online dangers.
- Keep up-to-date with technology skills by attending training provided in the community and through online tutorials.
- Provide feedback to government agencies about online services.
- Sign up for emergency text and email services offered by local government agencies.
- Utilize online health resources to manage chronic illnesses and communicate with caregivers.
- Help an older friend or relative connect to online support communities or communicate with distant family members.



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