



Access to the internet has become necessary to fully participate in society. But for many of our neighbors in predominantly Black and Latinx communities on the city's South and West sides, **the lack of broadband has been an ongoing issue and the COVID-19 crisis highlighted the city's digital equity divide.** That's why United Way of Metro Chicago is proud to partner with the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Kids First Chicago, and others to launch Chicago Connected.

Closing Chicago's Digital Divide



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly 228,000 Eligible Students
- Free High-Speed Internet
- Four-Year Program
- Skills Development Training

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For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, visit

cps.edu/chicagoconnected

Nearly **1 in 3 Chicago families** had no internet service prior to Chicago Connected.

Chicago Connected is a groundbreaking program created in 2020 to ensure students and families have access to internet service and are equipped to increase their digital literacy. The program is one of the largest and longest-term efforts to provide households with high-speed internet for four years by directly paying for internet service for families that are most in need, leveraging Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to support enrollment in the program, and providing skills development training.

In 2022, to further advance digital equity, the City of Chicago announced the expansion of Chicago Connected to up to 3,000 students enrolled in City Colleges of Chicago over the next three years.

This groundbreaking initiative is generously funded by **Chicago's philanthropic community who has raised \$47 million for this effort.**

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