

# IDEC Toolkit:

## Project Areas: Computer Tech Centers and Broadband Planning

### Community Broadband Planning Resources

#### *Publications*

#### [Community Broadband Planning Roadmap](#)

This roadmap, while a bit dated, includes all the steps that are still crucial to completing your community broadband planning.

#### [Community Broadband Planning Playbook](#)

The North Carolina Department of Information Technology's Office of Broadband and Digital Opportunity provide this excellent resource for communities beginning their local planning.

#### [Tribal Broadband Planning Toolkit](#)

The guidance here is tailored for tribal nations and groups, but the steps in general are a great shorthand for any community getting started with broadband planning.

#### [The Human Infrastructure of Broadband: Looking Back, Looking Around, and Looking Ahead](#)

#### [Permitting Success: Closing the Digital Divide through Local Broadband Permitting](#)

#### [Own Your Internet: How to Build a Public Broadband Network](#)

#### [Broadband Affordability](#)

#### *Data Sources*

Explore our collected data resources, more to come!

[Illinois Broadband Map](#) | Illinois Broadband Lab

[Digital Equity Act](#) page | Illinois Office of Broadband

[BEAD page](#) | Illinois Office of Broadband

#### *Programs*

#### [Broadband Breakthrough](#)

Learn about community broadband strategic planning with Broadband Breakthrough program, hosted by Benton Institute for Broadband and Society, Illinois Broadband Lab, Reid Consulting, U of I Extension and more.



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[The Benton Institute for Broadband and Society](#) are an Illinois-based national nonprofit dedicated to bringing open, affordable, high-performance broadband to all people in the U.S to ensure a thriving democracy.

[Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs](#), based in Macomb, works statewide to support community planning and economic development in rural communities. They have a myriad of supportive resources including the MAPPING program, centering a whole community strategy toward health, education, revitalization, and economic development goals.

[The Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) (LISC) has offices in Chicago and Central Illinois, offering free technical resources and peer connections for your community. They also have an arm dedicated to rural community support.

### Computer and Technology Center Resources

#### *Publications*

[Equal Access: Universal Design of Computer Labs](#) | Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology (DO.IT)

[Design by Consensus: Makerspaces](#) | The Glass-House Community Led Design

An interactive co-design workshop from The Glass-House Community Led Design. While this workshop is focused on multi-technology makerspaces and tech labs, it can be an excellent exercise for community feedback on a computer lab too. Find more community led design resources on The Glass House [website](#).

[Library Privacy Guidelines for Public Access Computers and Networks](#) | American Library Association

A primer on privacy guidelines for public computer labs, this guidance is a solid place to start when considering privacy and ethics in your new computer lab.

[Filters and Filtering](#) | American Library Association

A series of studies and statements surrounding the use of internet filters in community spaces. A good place to start when considering the issue in your new space.



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[TechSoup](#) offers software licensing for educational and nonprofit organizations, sometimes with deep discounts. TechSoup also offers learning courses for their software products, grantwriting and management, a free digital assessment tool to help discover your organization's needs, a nonprofit consultant matching service, and much more. Many services require a fee.

[The Learning Technology Center](#) works with school districts and schools to support technology in education. TLC has a consultancy service for schools and school districts for creating and maintaining computer networks and computer labs and tech centers.

There are a great number of computer and tech center design consultants nationwide. Consider looking locally for a consultant that can assist with designing your center.

#### **Contact us with questions**

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