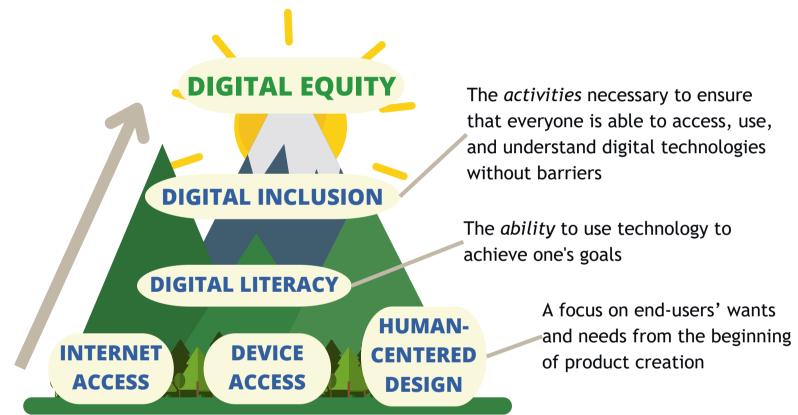
# STATE OF COLORADO DIGITAL EQUITY STRATEGY

The vision of Colorado's State Digital Equity Plan is that every person in Colorado has the connectivity, devices, and skills they need to thrive in our digital society.



Digital Equity means that everyone can:

- Use telehealth to access healthcare
- Make online payments
- Make video calls to friends and loved ones
- Apply for jobs online
- Take online classes
- Buy and sell things online
- View medical records

Digital inequities limit access to opportunities and prevent well being because digital literacy and devices are often needed for folks to access the services or opportunities they need to thrive. Some communities experience

more barriers to digital access. Advancing digital equity will result in a healthier, more equitable Colorado

for all.

## The State is working to advance digital equity in many ways, including the following:

### Build the State Digital Equity Plan

Colorado's Digital Equity Plan will outline the steps needed to achieve the vision of statewide access to high-speed internet, affordable devices, and effective support in using technology.

The Plan will focus on people in Colorado that experience barriers to digital access such as low income households, individuals with disabilities, and folks living in rural areas. There are several opportunities to have your voice heard in this process!

#### Curate Resources for **Digital Skills Training**

information on:

libraries.

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building a Digital Inclusion Workforce Development Plan which will provide

Workforce development needs

the people in our state.

Proposed strategies to ensure Colorado has

broadband infrastructure and digital skills of

the talent pipeline in place to build

As part of this work, the State Digital Equity

organizations to pilot digital tools and develop

best practices to develop online digital skills

Working Group will also partner with local





#### **Deploy Digital Navigators**

Digital Navigators will be funded across the state to support people in developing digital skills so they can access online resources such as job trainings and telehealth.

The Digital Navigators will work in collaboration with community-based organizations, such as libraries.



#### **Increase Affordable Connectivity**

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federal program that assists low income families with affording the cost of Internet services.

For information about eligibility and monthly financial assistance, you can visit https://www.fcc.gov/acp or call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575.

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