

## Off Campus Computer and Internet Resources

**I don't have a computer and/or internet access at home, what options are available to me?**  
(these resources are not affiliated with CCAC)

### **Attention Wilkinsburg Families**



The poster features a red background with a photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting at a desk and using a laptop. The text on the poster includes: 'Wilkinsburg Digital Inclusion Project', 'Inclusion through Internet Access', a Wi-Fi symbol with three people icons, and logos for 'META MESH' and 'computer reach'.

**FREE INTERNET ACCESS  
for one full year**

**WHO QUALIFIES:  
Wilkinsburg Residents  
with a student at home**

**HOW TO GET YOURS:  
Call 412.444.8816 ext 3**

**Or register online at  
[www.digitalwilkinsburg.org](http://www.digitalwilkinsburg.org)**

### **Free Wi-Fi Locator**

- Search this site to find free Wi-Fi near you: [wifi.alleghenycounty.us](http://wifi.alleghenycounty.us)
- Connect to Free WI-DI hotspots in Pittsburgh with [WiFi Map App](#)

**As of May 12, 2021 - Internet Benefits** will be available for qualifying households.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an [FCC program](#) designed to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms. The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Eligible households will be able to enroll in the **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program**, which will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband (internet) service. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

To view eligibly criteria visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

Eligible households can enroll through an approved provider or by visiting <https://getemergencybroadband.org>.

**Department of Human Services (DHS)** – If you are currently receiving Allegheny County public assistance benefits, you may be eligible for a free hotspot and/or computer from DHS. Please contact a Navigator for more information. [Navigators@ccac.edu](mailto:Navigators@ccac.edu) or 724.325.6695

## Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Public Computers, Wi-Fi & Printing

- PCs are available at all of our [libraries](#) for writing resumes, professional and personal documents, budgeting spreadsheets and general internet access.
- Guests can use Library printers for a small fee.
  - [Print from a Library computer or connect to wireless printing from your laptop.](#)
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh offers Chromebook bundles for checkout.
  - The bundle includes a Chromebook, Wi-Fi hotspot, external mouse, and power cables for both devices. You can request a bundle by placing a hold in the [Library Catalog](#).
  - The checkout period on all of these devices is 21 days. Renewals are not available, due to the high demand for the devices.

Other options available to you:

1. Possible assistance from cellular companies in the form of **hotspots** (these promotions are not affiliated with CCAC):
  - a. <https://www.sprint.com/en/landings/covid-19.html>
  - b. <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/ongoing-updates-covid-19>
  - c. <https://www.verizonwireless.com/support/covid-19-faqs/#hotspot>
2. **Internet Essentials** through Xfinity. Please click on the following link to learn about low cost or [free internet access through the Affordable Connectivity Program](#). Signing up is easy.
3. **AT&T** <https://m.att.com/shopmobile/internet/access/> (income based)
4. **Lifeline**: If you or someone in your household participate in a federal assistance program, you may qualify for [Lifeline](#). Lifeline provides a discount of \$9.25 per month for either your phone or internet bill (but not both) and is limited to one discount per household.
5. **Computer Reach** refurbishes computers and makes technology available to people at a fraction of the cost. They also offer computer literacy, training, and support.
6. **PC on a Stick**: Turn Your Smart-TV into A Computer A stick PC or PC on a stick, is a single-board computer in a small elongated casing resembling a stick, that can usually be plugged directly into an HDMI video port on a TV or Monitor. **Note: Please ensure that the PC Stick will meet your academic needs before you purchase.**
  - a. [https://www.amazon.com/s?k=intel+compute+stick&i=electronics&crd=26Z1ZAAUIA3BD&sprefix=intel+compute%2Celectronics%2C179&ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_1\\_13](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=intel+compute+stick&i=electronics&crd=26Z1ZAAUIA3BD&sprefix=intel+compute%2Celectronics%2C179&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_13)
7. Here are links to low cost computers and/or refurbished computers. Many of these will go fast. **Keep in mind you must check what the minimum computer requirements are for your classes and the college before purchasing.**
  - a. <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/all-laptops/refurbished-laptops/pcmcat219300050014.c?id=pcmcat219300050014>
  - b. [https://www.walmart.com/browse/electronics/refurbished-laptops/3944\\_3951\\_1089430\\_1230091\\_1230092](https://www.walmart.com/browse/electronics/refurbished-laptops/3944_3951_1089430_1230091_1230092)
  - c. <https://www.amazon.com/refurbished-Laptops-Computers-Tablets/s?k=refurbished&rh=n%3A565108>
  - d. [https://www.staples.com/Refurbished-Laptops/cat\\_CL167289/70auc](https://www.staples.com/Refurbished-Laptops/cat_CL167289/70auc)

- e. <https://discountcomputerdepot.com/categories/mobile/refurbished-laptops/laptops-on-sale.html>
- f. <https://www.internetessentials.com/low-cost-computer>

## **Computer Training and Literacy Resources**

[Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh](#) – Digital Skills: Getting started with Microsoft Word. Free 1-hour classes every month, at various library locations. **Must pre-register**

[Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council](#) – Literacy Pittsburgh offers free educational programs for adults and families in Allegheny County and Beaver County.

[Goodwill of Southwest PA](#) – Get the computer skills you need to get the job you want! Goodwill offers FREE trainings in a variety of in-demand technology topics.