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ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST DIRECTORY

OVERVIEW

The Organizations of Interest Directory was the first deliverable completed by our team. It provides a network of local, state, regional, and national organizations invested, directly or indirectly, in addressing the digital divide. The directory provides name, location, contact information, and mission of organizations across multiple levels in order to promote coalition building amongst key stakeholders.

PURPOSE

There are numerous organizations working to solve the digital divide rural and poor communities face. Many are grassroots efforts working on local levels independent of one another. The goal of this deliverable is to position WiderNet as a leader in fostering collaborations between such organizations. In doing so, WiderNet builds strategic coalitions to pool resources and influence in the first steps to creating impactful change.

Network Directory

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	Category Name	Definition
Column(s)	Level	The size of an organization's platform.
	Organization	Name of the institution.
	Role	Categorization of organization based on what they do for internet connectivity: Advocate, Direct Service Provide, Intermediate Organization, etc.
	Email	Contact information, may be a link to social media if email was not listed.
	Phone	Contact information to the organization's business line.
	Website	Link to the organization's website.
	Location	Geographic location of organization's headquarters.
	Type of Organization	Organization classification divided into government-entity, non-profit, corporation, etc.
	Description	A brief synopsis of the organization's purpose, mission, and programming.
Row(s)	National	Organizations that work across multiple states within the country.
	State	Organizations that are state-based, not limited to North Carolina.
	Regional	Organizations that operate in a specific region of a state, or across multiple states within the same national region.
	Local	Organizations that are Triangle adjacent in North Carolina.
	Informational Sources	Documents and databases found with useful information on internet connectivity and digital education.

Level	Organization	Role	Email	Phone	Websites	Location	Type of Institution	Description
National	Fiber Broadband Association	Provider	info@fiberbroadband.org	202 549 9530	http://fiberbroadband.org	Washington, DC	Internet Connectivity Org	FTTH (Fiber to the Home) represents nearly 90% of broadband capacity. Community-based telecommunications providers are working to build out fiber networks in rural areas, and rural areas are also working to build out fiber networks in rural areas.
	The Rural Broadband Association	Advocate	info@ruralbroadband.org	703 593 1218	http://ruralbroadband.org	Virginia, VA	Internet Connectivity Org	FTTH (Fiber to the Home) represents nearly 90% of broadband capacity. Community-based telecommunications providers are working to build out fiber networks in rural areas, and rural areas are also working to build out fiber networks in rural areas.
	National Rural Education Association	Advocate	info@nrea.org	432 425 4239	http://nrea.org	Chattanooga, TN	Education Group	The NREA is a national education association that provides information and resources to rural educators. It is one of the leading national education associations in the United States.
	Health, Health & Lifelines Broadband Coalition	Policy Advocate/Lobbying	info@hllbc.org	202 933 2428	http://hllbc.org	Washington, DC	Internet Connectivity Org	The HLLBC is a coalition of health care providers, health care payers, and health care consumers. It is focused on improving broadband access for health care providers and patients.
	Connect America Now	Advocate	info@connectamenow.com	435 524 905-5490	http://connectamenow.com	Washington, DC	Internet Connectivity Org	The Connect America Now coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of rural broadband providers, rural broadband advocates, and rural broadband consumers.
	Center for Rural Strategy	Policy intermediary	info@centerforruralstrategy.org	908 632 3244	http://centerforruralstrategy.org	Washington, KY	Rural Connectivity Group	The Center for Rural Strategy is a non-profit organization that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	ARP	Advocate	info@arp.org	1 888 674 4444	http://arp.org	Washington, DC	Policy Advocacy Group	The ARP (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) is a federal law that provides funding for broadband infrastructure. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Community Networks, The Institute for Local Self-Reliance	Policy intermediary	info@communitynetworks.org	202 889 8150	http://communitynetworks.org	Washington, DC	Policy Advocacy Group	The Community Networks coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of community-based broadband providers, community-based broadband advocates, and community-based broadband consumers.
	Connected Nation	Policy Advocate/Lobbying	info@connectednation.org	877 869 7710	http://connectednation.org	Louisville, KY	Public Education Group	The Connected Nation coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of broadband providers, broadband advocates, and broadband consumers.
	State	NCNC	Direct Service Provider	info@ncnc.org	919 248 3900	http://ncnc.org	RTP, NC	Non-Profit
NC Broadband		Government Campaign	info@ncbroadband.org	N/A	http://ncbroadband.org	Raleigh, NC	Government	The North Carolina Broadband coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of broadband providers, broadband advocates, and broadband consumers.
Center for Innovative Technology (CIT)		Technology Innovator	info@citr.org	703 689 3000	http://citr.org	2214 Rock Hill RAISTE 600, Henderson, VA 20170	Non-Profit	The Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) is a non-profit organization that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Broadband Blue		Direct Service Provider	N/A	1 800 332 8979	http://broadbandblue.org	N/A	Private Corporation	Broadband Blue is a private corporation that provides broadband infrastructure for rural Americans. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Broadband Grant Program		Provider	info@broadbandgrant.org	601 299 7114	http://broadbandgrant.org	Minneapolis	Government	The Broadband Grant Program is a government program that provides funding for broadband infrastructure. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Massachusetts Broadband Institute		Technology Innovator	info@massbroadband.org	508 870 0312	http://massbroadband.org	Massachusetts	Public Agency	The Massachusetts Broadband Institute is a public agency that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
North Carolina Health Network		Direct Service Provider	info@nchealthnetwork.org	N/A	http://nchealthnetwork.org	Greenville, NC	Non-Profit Consortium	The North Carolina Health Network is a non-profit consortium that provides broadband infrastructure for rural Americans. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Mid-Atlantic Broadband/Community Corporation		Advocate	info@midatlanticbroadband.org	434 670 1300	http://midatlanticbroadband.org	Roanoke, VA	Non-Profit	The Mid-Atlantic Broadband/Community Corporation is a non-profit organization that provides broadband infrastructure for rural Americans. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
National Telecommunications Cooperative Association		Advocate	info@ntca.org	703 261 2930	http://ntca.org	4121 Wilson Boulevard Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22203	Non-Profit	The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) is a non-profit organization that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Mid-Edison Technology Initiative		Direct Service Provider	info@midedison.org	202 590 0240	http://midedison.org	Henderson, NC	Non-Profit 501(c) 3	The Mid-Edison Technology Initiative is a non-profit organization that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Regional	Eastern Carolina Broadband	Direct Service Provider	info@easterncarolinabroadband.org	252 318 0025	http://easterncarolinabroadband.org	100 S Central Ave #8th Fl, North Carolina	Private Corporation	The Eastern Carolina Broadband coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of broadband providers, broadband advocates, and broadband consumers.
	North Carolina Rural Center	Advocate	info@ncruralcenter.org	919 295 4314	http://ncruralcenter.org	100 Rural Center, 8021 Cayle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610	Public Private Coalition	The North Carolina Rural Center is a public-private coalition that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	ERC	Direct Service Provider	info@erc.org	828 390 - 2415	http://erc.org	114 N. Newell Ave, 170 W. 10th St, NC 28581	Public Agency	The Eastern Rural Center (ERC) is a public agency that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Open Broadband	Direct Service Provider	info@openbroadband.org	813 201 4407	http://openbroadband.org	Warren, NC	Internet Connectivity Org	The Open Broadband coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of broadband providers, broadband advocates, and broadband consumers.
	NC Central Library	Advocate	N/A	919 539 4100	http://nccentral.org	Durham, NC	College	The North Carolina Central Library is a college that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Western Institute	Direct Service Provider	info@westerninstitute.org	919 293 1133	http://westerninstitute.org	Durham, NC	Non-Profit	The Western Institute is a non-profit organization that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Durham Housing Authority	Advocate	info@durhamhousingauthority.org	919 489 3251	http://durhamhousingauthority.org	Durham, NC	Housing Agency	The Durham Housing Authority is a housing agency that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Greenville Community Broadband	Provider	info@greenvillebroadband.org	252 298 3457	http://greenvillebroadband.org	Wilson, NC	Community-Owned Fiber Network	The Greenville Community Broadband coalition is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans. It is a coalition of broadband providers, broadband advocates, and broadband consumers.
	Durham County Public Library	Advocate/Provider	info@durhamcountypubliclibrary.org	919 560 0100	http://durhamcountypubliclibrary.org	Durham, NC	Library	The Durham County Public Library is a library that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
	Community Network Map	N/A	http://communitynetworkmap.org	N/A	http://communitynetworkmap.org	National	Network	The Community Network Map is a network that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.
Informational Sources	The National Broadband Plan	N/A	http://www.broadband.gov	1 888 674 1012/215 4400	http://www.broadband.gov	Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, NW Washington, DC 20541	Government	The National Broadband Plan is a government plan that provides research and policy analysis on rural issues. It is focused on improving broadband access for rural Americans.