

Westmoreland County Housing Authority Joins ConnectHome Nation

Westmoreland County Housing Authority (WCHA) has been selected to be part of the first new cohort of ConnectHome Nation, the innovative initiative to end the digital divide in public housing across the United States.

WCHA is one of 30 communities that were selected after an open application process and review by EveryoneOn, a national nonprofit that creates social and economic opportunity by connecting everyone to the internet. Since 2012, EveryoneOn has connected more than 500,000 people in the United States, with the goal of connecting one million people by 2020.

“We are extremely excited to join the ConnectHome Nation Initiative. We are committed to expanding computer literacy and online access for our families and elderly here in Westmoreland County,” said WCHA Executive Director Michael L. Washowich.

In May 2017, EveryoneOn announced the expansion of the ConnectHome pilot initiative, which launched in 2015 in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and was created to bridge the digital divide in 28 pilot communities. Rebranded ConnectHome Nation, the goal of the initiative is to expand to 100 communities and connect 350,000 people living in the HUD)-assisted housing by 2020.

“ConnectHome and now ConnectHome Nation is a first of its kind, public private partnership that is committed to ending the digital divide in public housing across the United States,” said Chike Aguh, chief executive officer of EveryoneOn. “We are so excited to welcome WCHA to this new cohort of communities who are committed to changing the life trajectory of some of the most in need in our country.”

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