

Digital Equity is Health Equity *Opportunities to Drive Change for Healthy Families and Equitable Communities*

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Recording Link

ITUP Resources

- Check out ITUP's latest Issue Brief: Addressing Digital Equity for Equitable, Accessible Health Care: <https://www.itup.org/adressing-digital-equity/>
- Check out ITUP's Broadband Bootcamp Report: Informing California's State Digital Equity Plan: <https://www.itup.org/itup-broadband-bootcamp-report/>
- Check out ITUP's ACP Enrollment Flyer: <https://www.itup.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/FINAL-ITUP-ACP-Flyer-2023.pdf>
- Check out ITUP's Broadband & Connectivity Work: <https://www.itup.org/itup-engages-on-health-equity-and-the-digital-divide/>
- Check out ITUP's Broadband and Connectivity for Better Health Care Toolkit: <https://www.itup.org/broadband-and-connectivity-for-better-health-care/>
- Check out ITUP's Broadband for Health Basics Fact Sheet: <https://www.itup.org/broadband-for-health-basics/>
- Check out ITUP's Telehealth and COVID-19 Fact Sheet: <https://www.itup.org/telehealth-and-covid-19/>
- Check out ITUP's Health Information Exchange Fact Sheet: <https://www.itup.org/health-information-exchange/>

California State Engagement Opportunities

- Check out California Department of Technology's Broadband for All Initiative: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/>
- Check out the California Broadband Council and attend their upcoming meetings: <https://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov/>
- Check out the Middle-Mile Advisory Committee and attend their upcoming meetings: <https://middle-mile-broadband-initiative.cdt.ca.gov/pages/mmbi-advisory-committee>
- Check out all the upcoming Regional Meetings: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/events/>

- Check out CDT's State Digital Equity Plan: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan/>
- Join the Conversation and provide your input for the State Digital Equity Plan: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/events/#sdep>
- Participate in the California State Digital Equity Plan's Public Survey: <https://broadbandforall.civilspace.io/en/projects/california-department-of-technology-broadband-digital-equity-survey/engagements/california-state-digital-equity-plan-public-survey-10-15-minutes/sections/1>
- Participate in the upcoming Health Outcome Area Working Group Meeting to develop strategies that align with SDEP priorities: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan-old/plan-development-process/#participateplanprocess>
- Check out the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)'s Broadband Implementation: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california>
- Check out CPUC's Rules for Federal Broadband Funding: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/news-and-updates/all-news/cpuc-to-consider-rules-for-federal-broadband-funding-2023>
- Provide Public Comment for Proceeding to Consider Rules to Implement the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment Program: https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:65:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2302016

California Local Engagement and Funding Opportunities

- Looking for which Regional Broadband Consortia you might belong to? Check out the 15 active regional broadband consortia supported by the CPUC CASF funds: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-consortia-account/consortia-information>
- Check out CPUC's Last Mile Federal Funding Account: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account>
- Check out CPUC's Loan Loss Reserve Fund: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/loan-loss-reserve-fund>
- Check out CPUC's Local Agency Technical Assistance: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/local-agency-technical-assistance>

- Check out CPUC's CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-consortia-account>
- Check out CPUC's California Advanced Services Fund (CASF): <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund>

The Children's Partnership Resources

- Check out The Children's Partnership's Home page: <https://www.childrenspartnership.org/>
- Check out TCP's latest Brief: Digital Equity: A Key to Children's Health & Racial Justice: https://childrenspartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/TCP-Digital-Equity-Brief_FINAL.pdf
- Check out TCP's Racism and Child Health Series: <https://www.childrenspartnership.org/what-we-do/health/racism-and-child-health/>
- Check out TCP's report: Telehealth and Children of Color with Special Healthcare Needs—Lessons from the Pandemic: <https://www.childrenspartnership.org/research/telehealthandchildrenwithspecialhealthcareneeds/>

Federal Communications Commission Resources

- Check out the Federal Communications Commission's Task Force to Prevent Digital Discrimination: <https://www.fcc.gov/task-force-prevent-digital-discrimination>
- Check out the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund: <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-connectivity-fund>
- Check out Federal Communications Commission's Connect2Health taskforce, exploring the intersection of broadband, advanced technology and health and further charting the broadband future of health care: <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/fcc-initiatives/connect2healthfcc>
- Checking out the COVID-19 Telehealth Program (Invoices & Reimbursements): <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program-invoices-reimbursements>
- Check out the FCC's Connecting Americans to Health Care Programs: <https://www.fcc.gov/connecting-americans-health-care>
- Check out FCC's Broadband Data Collection Maps: <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData>

Affordable Connectivity Program Resources

- Learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program here: <https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program>

- Are the communities you serve eligible for the ACP benefit of discounted internet service? Check out this website to learn more about eligibility: <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>
- Check out ITUP's ACP Enrollment Flyer: <https://www.itup.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/FINAL-ITUP-ACP-Flyer-2023.pdf>

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Resources

- Check out the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)'s Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD): <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-programs/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment-bead-program-o>
- Check out NTIA's Digital Equity Act Programs: <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-programs/digital-equity-act-programs>
- Check out NTIA's Broadband Infrastructure Program: <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/broadband-infrastructure-program>

AB 41 Resources

- Check out AB41's Fact Sheet for the run-down of the bill: <https://childrenspartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/AB41-DEVFA-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
- If you'd like to participate and sign on to the letter for AB 41, Sign on here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16EDrphU9CLXo1sUo_K3PjV4w-tBNDnFxPC19RewbJv8/edit
- If you'd like to participate and sign on for AB 41, use this link here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oEbDioqLZJcEPBd1Dayjkb-yYZ3is6KDjcyPPsWBQU/viewform?edit_requested=true
- Are you interested in Finding your California Representative, check out this resource: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
- Are you interested in providing your or your organization's position on a California Legislative bill, check out this website to submit your position today!: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

Additional Resources Provided

- Check out the Center for Connected Health Policy's Telehealth in California: Legislative History: https://www.cchpca.org/2022/11/TelehealthInCA_LegislativeHistory_FINAL.pdf
- Check out the 3 Price Disparity Studies conducted: <https://www.digitalequityla.org/price-disparities>

- Check out The Markup's article on Price Discrepancies on Broadband: <https://themarkup.org/still-loading/2022/10/19/dollars-to-megabits-you-may-be-paying-400-times-as-much-as-your-neighbor-for-internet-service>
- Check out the California Community Foundation's website: <https://www.calfund.org/>

Definitions Provided

- **What is the Difference between Disparate Impact vs. Disparate Treatment:** Disparate treatment is intentional discrimination, while disparate impact is unintentional. The keyword is “impact” as it is based on the outcome rather than the intent/treatment.
- **What is an Anchor Institution?:** Anchor Institutions are flagship community institutions such as a school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher education, public housing organization, or community support organization that are sometimes connected to fiber even when fiber services are not commercially available to the broader community. Because of this, they can function as a connection to the Internet backbone—facilitating broadband access for vulnerable populations.