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DIGITAL EQUITY IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Presentation to the Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative

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Introduction to the State Digital Equity Planning (SDEP) Process

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Access

Affordability

Adoption

Digital Literacy & Inclusion

BACKGROUND SDEP and BEAD Plan Coordination

- CDT administering entity for Digital Equity Planning program
- CPUC administering entity for Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program
- Planning processes will be coordinated
- Extensive statewide and local engagement and input
- When completed, both plans will be integrated and unlock hundreds of millions of additional dollars to achieve Broadband for All

SDEP PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Covered Populations

The Digital Equity Act prioritizes investments for eight "Covered Populations"

1

Individuals living in covered households
with an income at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level

2

Aging individuals
(60+)

3

Incarcerated individuals
other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility

4

Veterans

5

Individuals with disabilities

6

Individuals with language barriers
including individuals who Are English learners; and have low levels of literacy

7

Members of a racial or ethnic minority group

8

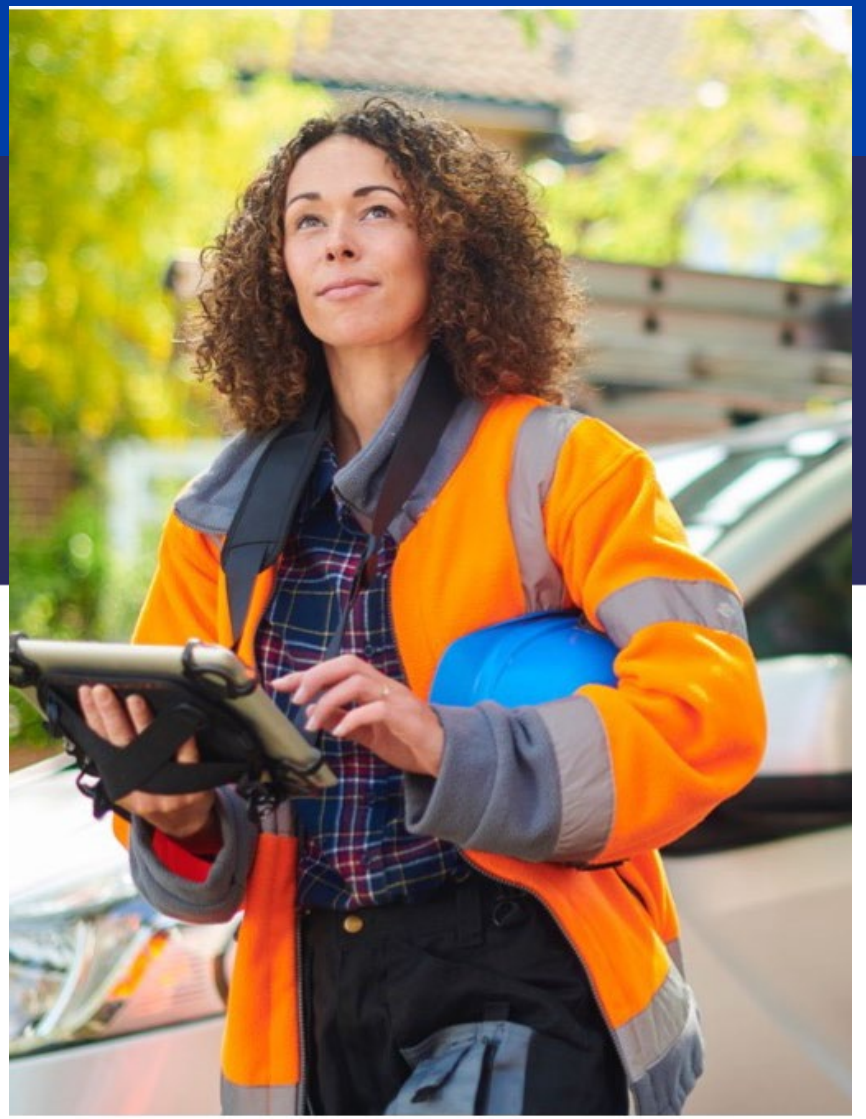
Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area

SDEP APPROACH

Planning Components

The State Digital Equity Planning (SDEP) process will consist of five components:

- Statewide Planning Group (SPG)
- Outcome Area Working Groups
- California Digital Equity Surveys
- Regional - Local Outreach Events
- Statewide Public Engagement



SDEP APPROACH

Six Outcome Area Working Groups

1. **Education**
2. **Health**
3. **Digital Literacy and Inclusion**
4. **Essential Services, Accessibility and Civic Engagement**
5. **Workforce and Economic Development**
6. **Tribal Collaboration**

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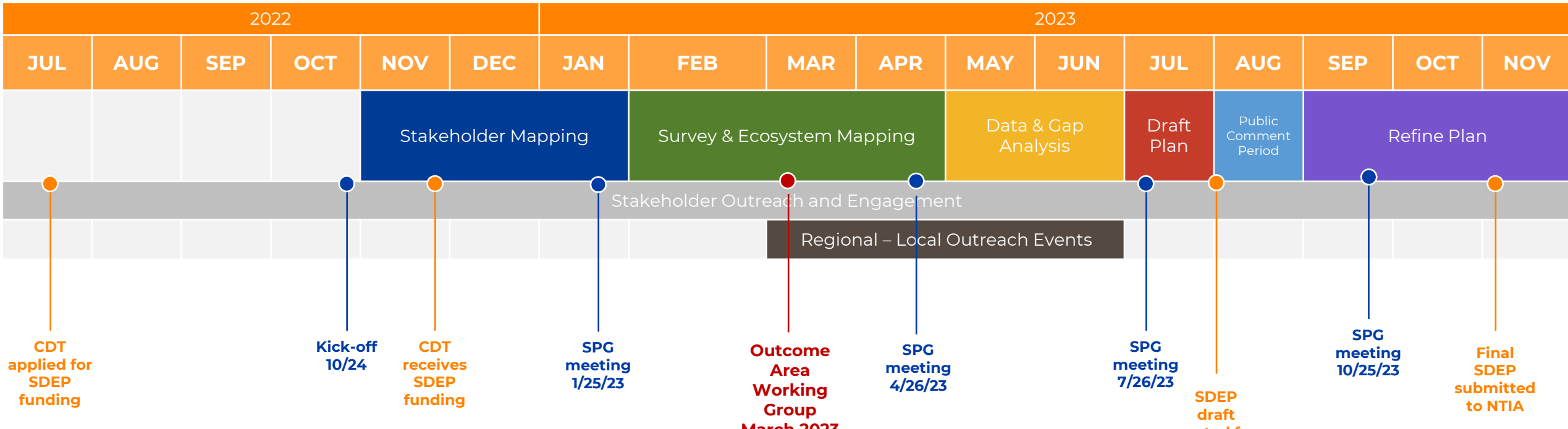
Next Steps

SDEP Timeline

California State Digital Equity Planning (SDEP) Timeline

Important milestones for State Digital Equity Planning:



Community and Lived Experiences

Community and Lived Experience Discussion

Digital Equity in the Central Valley

1. What barriers prevent access to key services or community engagement opportunities in your communities?
2. How can we work towards ensuring everyone in the Central Valley has access to a digital device and internet connectivity?
3. What programs have been successful in working towards this goal?

How to Take Action

Ways to Get Involved

Members of the public interested in helping inform the State Digital Equity Plan can also:

1. Sign up for updates on the Broadband For All Portal (https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan/)
2. Share the Digital Equity Ecosystem Mapping Tool (https://broadbandforall.civilspace.io/en/projects/california-department-of-technology-broadband-digital-equity-survey/engagements/digital-equity-ecosystem-mapping-deem/sections/1)
3. Complete and share the Digital Equity Public Survey with your friends and family and your networks (coming soon)
4. Participate in virtual and in person events State Digital Equity Plan Development Process | Broadband for All (ca.gov)

Next Steps

JOIN A WORKING GROUP
(Virtual)

	March Meeting How does digital inequity create disparities in various outcome areas (e.g., health, education, etc.)?	May Meeting What digital equity programs are currently working well in your community? What's missing?	June Meeting Using the Public Survey and Digital Equity Ecosystem Map data to shape SDEP priorities.
Education (Tuesdays)	March 14: 3-4:30pm	May 16: 3-4:30pm	June 13: 3-4:30pm
Health (Thursdays)	March 16: 10 – 11:30a	May 18: 10 – 11:30a	June 15: 10 – 11:30a
Digital Literacy (Wednesdays)	Mar 15: 11am-12:30pm	May 17: 11am-12:30pm	June 14: 11am-12:30pm
Workforce & Econ Dev (Wednesdays)	Mar 15: 1-2:30pm	May 17: 1:30-3pm	June 14: 2-3:30pm
Essential Services, Accessibility, & Civic Engagement (Thursdays)	March 16: 1 - 2:30pm	May 18th: 1 - 2:30pm	June 15th: 1-2:30pm
Tribal Collaboration	March 21: 2-3:30pm	May 16: 10-11:30am	June 6: 10:30am - 12pm

Register for events here: [Events | Broadband for All (ca.gov)]

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS
(In-Person)

Attend and participate in regional Broadband for All engagement session

(April 2023)

1. **Merced – Merced Community College**
    - Friday, April 14 Afternoon
2. **Fresno – Fresno City College**
    - Saturday, April 15 Morning

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