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Texas Connects Coalition Project Milestones, as of June 2013:

- 94 public computer centers
- 21,847 average users per week
- 1,675 new and updated computers
- 1,602,960 total participants
- 201,751 training participants
- 2,783,542 hours of training
- \$5,624,305 matching value

Texas Connects Coalition Project Extension

Based on excellent performance and stewardship of federal funds awarded to

Connecting Parents and Students

Technology For All is partnering with schools and school districts to increase parental engagement through the use of online tools.



The first pilot, to be conducted at Milby High School in partnership with Mission Milby Community Development Corporation, will show parents how to use the Houston Independent School District's Parent-Student (PS) Connect tool to monitor their children's grades and attendance. The tool also enables parents to easily communicate with their children's teachers when problems arise.

Schools are reaching out to Technology For All, asking us to help parents learn about new technology tools like PS Connect. "We're happy to be able to apply our expertise in technology training to ensure that these tools are used to their maximum potential", said TFA President and CEO, Will Reed. Through our training, parents will learn ways to become more involved in their children's education and improve their educational outcomes through participatory monitoring and intervention strategies."



Broadband Across Texas Week
Learn. Click. Do. June 23 thru June 29, 2013

Wrap Up

More than 25,000 people visited Texas Connects Coalition public computer centers during the second annual Broadband Across Texas Week event, held June 23-29. Coalition partners, Technology For All and Austin Free-Net, offered special computer training, technology prizes and more throughout the week at most of our 92 sites. Activities ranged from helping children use tablet computers for "reading time" to helping older adults learn how to share digital photos with friends and family.

A highlight of Houston-area events was the Bethel's Place collaboration with WorkForce Solutions to offer the community a job fair. Program specialist Samuel Wilson reported that job seekers were introduced to 31 employers and 6 different technical/vocational schools. Twenty-one persons were hired on-the-spot! Over 500 people attended this one event.

In Leon and Madison counties, both Spanish-speaking parents and their bilingual children participated in classes together. "It is encouraging to see both the youth and parents learning together", said program specialist Betty Heffler. Fran Hunter, program

Technology For All for the Texas Connects Coalition project, we have been granted a no-cost extension of the award, extending the end date from August 31, 2013 to December 31, 2013. We anticipate this will allow us to provide an additional 470,000 hours of training to more than 28,000 people.



specialist and co-manager of the TFA Rural Texas and San Antonio region, visited several centers, observing that, "The guests at the open houses and trainings were grateful the program is here and enjoyed learning new things. I especially loved the resume/job interviewing round table held in Hearne with business owners as special guests, ready to answer questions. The attendees walked out happy and excited about job hunting."

Broadband Across Texas Week is a Texas Connects Coalition initiative to promote digital literacy and broadband technology opportunities for underserved Texas communities. This year several other Texas organizations promoted digital inclusion by joining in observance of the week. These included the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Connected Texas and the El Paso Public Library.

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