



# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

# Digital Navigation Bootcamp



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**Pre-Summit Session 3** 



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# **Bootcamp Overview**

#### Participants will:

- Learn about PCC's Digital Literacy Program Practices
- Understand the role of the Digital Navigator
- Understand ways to support clients with broadband access and affordability
- Learn how to teach basic digital skills for telehealth and communication
- Promote safe online behavior and privacy
- Utilize helpful tools and community resources





## **About Palmetto Care Connections**

# PCC is a nonprofit 501c3 organization in South Carolina. Vision

Every South Carolinian is connected to healthcare services.

#### **Mission**

 To improve access to healthcare services in rural and underserved communities in South Carolina through telehealth, technology, broadband and education.





## **Palmetto Connect**

 In 2021, PCC launched its Digital Literacy Program, Palmetto Connect to increase access to care through digital literacy.

> **How does Palmetto Connect work?** Screen **Pre-Assessment** Identify Intake Call and survey Gather information about Assess participants Potential the candidate and enter candidates to current digital candidates with eligible participants into determine eligibility literacy skills partner entities. The master **Palmetto Connect** database Training & Checklist Post-Assessment **Evaluation** Check that each Device **Evaluate Assessment** Assess participants participant can Provide Participants digital literacy demonstrate the with 8+ hours of skills after training ability to perform hands on training





# **Training Successes and Challenges**

- Successes
  - Class Floaters/Digital Navigators
  - E-Learning Modules
  - Mobile App
  - Senior Center Transportation
  - Digital Navigator Follow Up
  - Internet Connectivity
  - Telehealth Visits

- Challenges
  - Different Skill Levels in a Class
  - Transportation
  - Follow-Up Calls





### **Palmetto Connect**











Digital Literacy
Training

**Digital Devices** 

Internet Connectivity

Online Applications

Technical Support





# The Role of the Digital Navigator

- Digital Navigators are community guides (such as librarians, community health workers, volunteers, patient advocates, etc.) who help individuals access digital needs.
  - Online Shopping
  - Bill Payment
  - Telehealth
  - Job Applications
  - Government Benefits
  - Education
  - Self Checkout





# **Digital Navigator Guide**

#### **Assess the Need & Client's Goals**

- Does the client have a digital device?
- Does the client have foundational digital skills?
- Does the client have internet access?

#### **Provide Resources**

- Create a Digital Resource Guide.
  - Identify nearby digital resources.





# **Assessing the Needs**

Intake Form Sample (National Digital Inclusion Alliance)

https://www.digitalinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Intake-Form.pdf

NDIA Digital Navigator Forms

https://www.digitalinclusion.org/blog/issue/digital-navigator/





# How to Create a Digital Resource Guide

There may be local or small businesses community members are familiar with.

- Where can community members access a device and/or internet?
  - Public libraries, community-based organizations, etc.
- Where can community members purchase, rent, or receive a device?
   Consider options to go in person or online.
  - Walmart, Best Buy, etc.
- How can community members get internet?
  - Businesses (Starbucks, McDonald's, etc.)
  - Internet at Home (Spectrum, Comcast, etc.)





# **Internet-Lifeline Program**

Lifeline provides up to a \$9.25 monthly discount on service for eligible low-income subscribers and up to \$34.25 per month for eligible subscribers on Tribal lands.

Only one Lifeline benefit is allowed per household. The discount can be applied to either a wireline or wireless service.

Lifeline is available in every state, commonwealth, territory, and on Tribal lands. The Lifeline program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

#### **Eligibility**

You qualify if your household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or if you participate in one of these programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension Benefits
- Certain Tribal Assistance Programs

Find out if you are eligible at lifelinesupport.org.

### Safe Connections Act Survivors

Survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking may be eligible to receive emergency Lifeline support for up to six months under the Safe Connections Act.

The Safe Connections Act also makes it easier for survivors of domestic abuse to separate their phone line from a service plan shared with their abuser.

For details, visit lifelinesupport.org/survivor-benefit.



#### **How to Apply**

You can apply online, by mail, or through a participating phone or internet provider.



## **Internet- Low-Cost Plans**

Spectrum

Packages Internet TV Mobile Home Phone Business Contact Us



Street address Apt/Unit Zip Code Check availability

SPECTRUM INTERNET® ASSIST

# Spectrum Internet for Low-Income Households

Get affordable Internet with Spectrum Internet Assist, available to qualified households nationwide.

- Unlimited Mobile line included for 1 year
- In-home WiFi service available
- · Modem and Security Suite included
- No data caps and no contracts

50 Mbps Internet

\$25<sub>/mo</sub>







This digital resource guide highlights how to access digital devices and internet in (County Name)

# 15 minutes

#### County Name

Libraries are a great place to get access to computers and internet. Call a library to ensure computer/internet availability and to check their operating hours.

City, State, Zip Phone Number

How to Get Internet at Home

To get internet at home, contact an internet service provider (ISP). Most ISPs cover specific locations by zip code. Below is a list of ISPs that provide service in (County Name. ) It is important to provide a physical address to confirm service is available at your home information use the

Internet Service Provider	Phone Number	Low-cost Plan Available	Lifeline Program

How to Get Internet on the Go

Some businesses offer free wireless internet [WIFI] connectivity to customers.

Address City, State, Zip

Where Can I Purchase a device [Computer, Tablet, Chromebook]?

Business Name City, State, Zip

This digital resource guide is not a comprehensive list of services in [County Name.] If your organization provides computers or internet services, in this area, contact [Your Namer] at XXXXXXXXX to be added to the guide.







# **Foundational Digital Skills**

**Device Basics** 

Power On/Off

Charging the Device

Wi-Fi On/Off

**Touch Screen** 

**Communication Tools** 

**Email** 

**Typing** 

Telehealth/Online Platforms

**Internet Safety** 

Creating a Password

Phishing

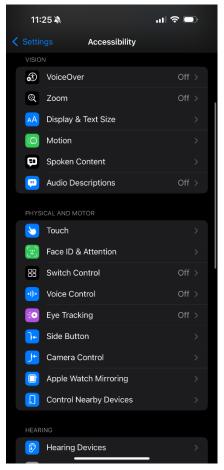
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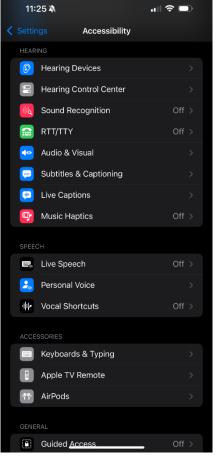


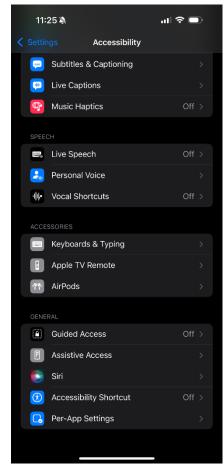


# **Accessibility Features**

- Text Size and Style
- Voice to Text
- Touch Sensitivity
- Zoom In





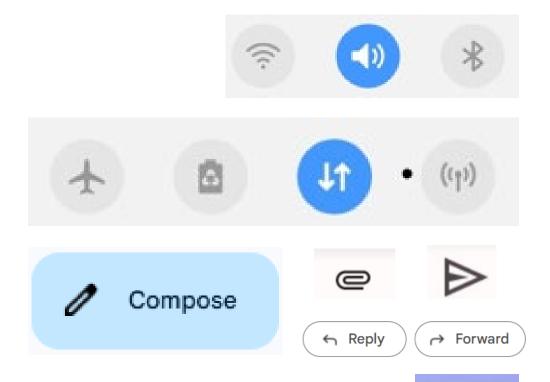






### **Common Icons to Review**

- Wi-Fi Signal
- Mute/UnMute
- Bluetooth
- Camera On/Off
- Email: Reply, Forward, etc.
- Google







# PCC's Digital Scam Protection Safety Guide

https://www.palmettocareconnections.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Scam-Guide.pdf

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# **Additional Resource**

#### Online Learning and Mobile App









# **Additional Resources**





Check the Cost. Telehealth visits are covered by Medicare and Medicaid (in South Carolina) some private insurers cover telehealth. Check with your insurance company about cost or coverage.



Find a Space. Find a quiet, private, and well-lit space to conduct your telehealth visit.



Check your Equipment. To have a telehealth visit, you will need internet connectivity and a digital device that has internet capabilities such as a smartphone, tablet, or computer.



**Use Telehealth Etiquette.** Eliminate as many distractions and background noises as possible. Make sure your face is centered in the screen.

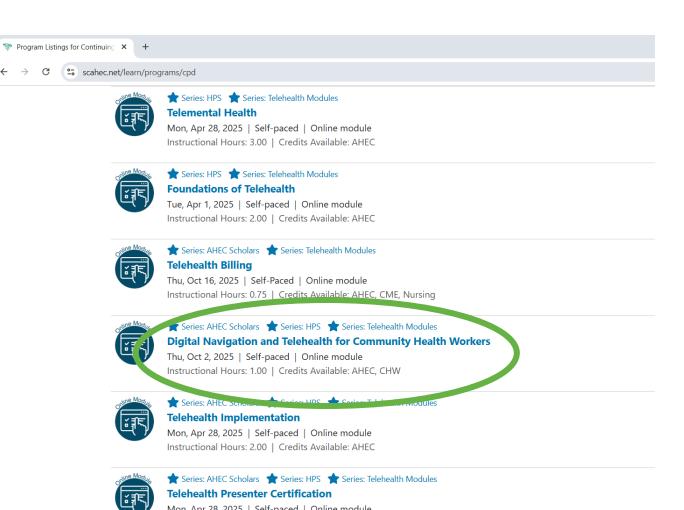
https://www.palmettocareconnections.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Telehealth-Checklist.pdf





### **Additional Resources**

https://www.scahec.net/learn







# **Questions?**

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