



Tech-4-ALL-CT (T4a) Project

Progress and Next Steps

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Today's Discussion

- Who is Concepts *for* Adaptive Learning (CfAL)
- What is the Tech-4-ALL-CT Project
- Project Goals and Outcomes
- Partnerships and Donations
- Observations – What Worked
- Upcoming Plans
- Questions and Close



Who is CfAL

- CT based non-profit organization that exists to help public school children improve their education
- Unique characteristic – *Use of **Technology** to achieve organization's Mission*
- All programs and projects are technology based



What is T4a Project

- **Project** aims to help bridge the “Digital Divide”, by Increasing Technology Access and Skills to Improve Learning and Vocational Opportunities for Low-Income Students and Their Families
- **Project** launched in October 2008 gives 600 families
 - Computer Training
 - Refurbished computer
 - 1 year of Tech Support
 - 1 year of high speed internet service



Goals and Outcomes

- **Goal 1.** – increase technology access for low-income students and families
 - Outcome – families come from HUD, Section VIII or Housing Authority properties; they are classified as low-income
 - Outcome – Since October 2008, 375 families now have computers and access to the internet in their home



Goals and Outcomes

- **Goal 2.** – improve learning opportunities and educational outcomes for low-income students
 - Outcome – As of Sept 2009, 750+ low-income students have increased learning opportunities in their home
 - According to June 2009 evaluation report from the Yale Child Study Center, 70% of surveyed parents indicate their children use the computer to do school work



Goals and Outcomes

- **Goal 3.** – increase technology skills for family members of low-income students
 - Outcome – As of September 2009, 375 family members of low-income students have completed basic computer training Topics include:
 - **Computer hardware and software**
 - **Use of the mouse**
 - **Word processing**
 - **Email**
 - **Internet navigation and research**
 - **Basic computer maintenance**



Goals and Outcomes

- **Goal 4.** – increase parental/family involvement in low-income student's educational activities
 - Outcome - According to June 2009 evaluation report from the Yale Child Study Center, 69% of surveyed parents/family members indicate they use the computer to help their children with school work



Partnerships and Donations

- Limited Budget (\$390,000 over 2 years) requires Partners
 - **AT&T / AT&T Foundation** – donated 300 high speed internet licenses
 - **CCI Logistics** – reduced rate for Refurbishment Center
 - **Housing Authority** management in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury donated space for training parents; **Community Renewal Team (CRT)** in Hartford donated space for training parents
 - **New Image Technologies** – reduced rate for 800 number enrollment and tech support
 - Refurbishable Pentium IV computer donors: **CSC-200, Electric Boat-100, Quinnipiac University –200, Yale University–72**

Note: loaded with Windows XP Pro, Office 2003, anti-virus and anti-spyware



Observations What Worked



- ▶ **Training/knowledge** – has had a profound impact on the knowledge level and self-esteem of parents
- ▶ **Computers** – has brought renewed hope into the homes of many low-income families
- ▶ **Internet** – has brought access to a wealth of information into the homes of many low-income families



Upcoming Plans



- ▶ **Provide** - services to 225 more project participants
- ▶ **Conduct** - 3 additional project evaluations
dates include: Nov 2009 Mar 2010 Aug 2010
- **Seek** - funding to continue project beyond June 2010



Questions and Close

