PCs for People

The Partnership is working with PCs (Personal Computers) for People in Cook County to create a workforce development model tied to computer equipment maintenance and refurbishment. Through electronic reuse, PCs for People provides the opportunity for all low-income individuals and nonprofits to benefit from the life-changing impact of computers and mobile internet. Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle announced the program in December 2020.

The Partnership plans to fund a nationally recognized A+ certification training curriculum for at least four cohorts per year, of 20-25 individuals, learning to repair, refurbish, and maintain computers.

Upon completion, participants will be referred for permanent employment with private sector businesses. The Partnership is creating equipment distribution sites at our network of American Job Centers. The program has already introduced thousands of computers into previously unconnected households to increase digital equity.