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## **Housing authority families to receive computer assistance**

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A program aimed at bridging the “Digital Divide” by helping 60 Bridgeport Housing Authority (BHA) families with computer skills and equipment has begun.

The Tech-4-All-CT Project will provide free, refurbished computers, a year of high-speed Internet service and technical support to the families that do not now have access to technology at home.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the start of the program’s training classes recently took place at the BHA computer lab office in the Trumbull Gardens public housing complex.

The project will be coordinated by the nonprofit Concepts for Adaptive Learning, working on behalf of the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology. Also involved are the AT&T Foundation, the charitable arm of AT&T, and the One Economy organization.

The parents in the 60 families will receive nine hours of basic computer skills training, including word processing, e-mail, Internet browsing and basic troubleshooting. Parents must complete the training before computers will be installed in their homes.

The project’s goals are to increase BHA families access to technology, improve learning opportunities and educational outcomes, develop technological skills, and boost parental involvement in students’ educational activities.

The project also has been launched in Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury, with 60 families being the beneficiaries in each of these cities as well.