



Barrier Submission Form

Statewide System of Care Steering Committee

Regional Executive Council Information



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Barrier Information



Barrier description: Lack of Internet access in rural areas for distance learning and telehealth



Actions Taken to Address Barrier

Summary of Practice Level Work Group action steps:
Members created a list of technology resources for their communities.



Summary of Advisory Committee action steps:
Surveyed PLWG members. Discussed and escalated the barrier to the EC. Members shared resources.



Summary of Executive Council action steps:
Members increased funding for hot spots, Internet and devices for families.

Request of Statewide SOC Steering Committee



What policy changes or funding investments would ameliorate the identified barrier?
 1. Fund broadband expansion in rural areas.
 2. Require Internet Service Providers to invest in broadband expansion in rural areas.



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3. Provide a technology fund (similar to SNAP) so families can pay for ongoing hotspots or improved connectivity.
4. Require Internet Service Providers develop a network of hotspots to expand access.
5. Ask superintendents and Education Service Districts across the state to provide information on hotspot distribution to create a detailed map of families who lack Internet access to guide future broadband expansion work.
