

Community Focus Statement E: Improve open space and recreational opportunities for Helendale residents.

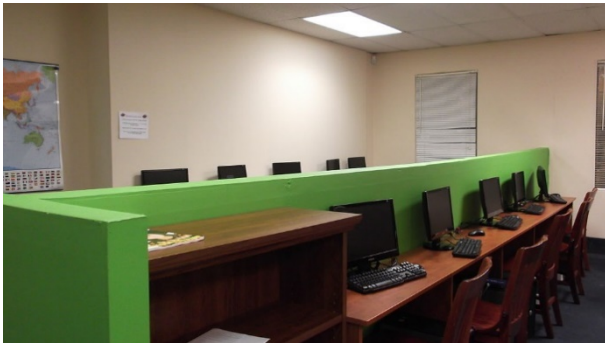
Action Statement E.9: Establish a public access computer center with internet access.

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Benchmark: All members of the community have access to the Internet at a public access computer center.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$5,000–\$35,000, plus the cost of procuring available space



Public computer lab. Photo source: HazelGHC

A public-access computer center could include a minimum of two computer stations and a printer with free Wi-Fi. The printer station could charge for printing and the computer stations could have a time limit. Options for the location of a computer center could be at the Helendale Community Services District Community Center, the Helendale Chamber of Commerce or the local school.

Alternatively, the San Bernardino County Library is located in Apple Valley, which is approximately 20 minutes from Helendale. The library provides free access to computer workstations that are connected to the library’s information network. In addition to providing Internet access, these workstations enable the public to search the library’s many electronic resources including the online catalog, subscription databases, word processing, language learning, literacy, and a large historic document and photograph collection.

The County Library’s close proximity is ideal for a free or discounted shuttle service from Helendale to the library and back. A shuttle service would also be a means of transportation for those individuals who cannot drive. A shuttle service would require a driver and a van. The cost of a shuttle service would be insignificant in comparison to constructing a local public-access computer center with Internet access.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Contact business volunteers to create a computer center (example: Community Services District building or within one of the community buildings).	Champion with Helendale Community Services District	Month 1	Connecting for Good, Community Computer Centers http://www.connectingforgood.org/community-technology-centers/
2. When a business volunteer steps forward, develop ways to raise money in order to purchase computers (sponsors, etc.).	Champion with Helendale Community Services District	Month 2	
3. Contact residents for computer donations and to serve on a computer center volunteer committee.	Champion with Helendale Community Services District	Month 2	