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Skyline CAP and People Incorporated to host Bridging the Digital Divide community forums
Upcoming forums scheduled in Greene, Madison, and Orange counties

MADISON, Va. (May 3, 2023) – Skyline CAP has partnered with People Incorporated to host a series of *Bridging the Digital Divide* community forums to hear directly from community members about challenges to accessing broadband internet and digital devices. The hour-long forums are open to the public with opportunities to be entered to win a raffle prize.

The current schedule for Skyline CAP’s service area is:

- May 6, 10 a.m. – Greene County Library
- May 15, 7 p.m. - Online
- May 25, 10 a.m. – Madison County American Legion Post 157
- June 6, 6 p.m. – Orange County Library

Registration for the forums is not required but is encouraged. Community members can register by visiting peopleinc.net/news and navigating to the registration page or by entering **wvf.ms/3KFALj3** in their browser.

“This is the first step in an effort to collect data and feedback from community members about their experiences accessing internet and digital devices like computers, smartphones, and more,” said People Incorporated Vice President for Planning & Evaluation Kelli Smith.

Feedback collected during the forum will be used to help develop the statewide Commonwealth Digital Opportunity plan in partnership with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). People Incorporated was awarded Digital Equity Act funds from DHCD earlier this year to assist in identifying barriers to broadband and digital device access for populations identified by the Digital Equity Act. Beyond infrastructure improvements underway, this planning effort will address affordability of internet service and devices, technology skills, and online privacy.

About Skyline CAP, Inc.

Skyline CAP, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit community action agency (CAA) working to improve the lives of those in need through education and housing programs designed to empower families and individuals to become self-sufficient. A designated CAA for Greene, Madison and Orange counties, Skyline CAP extends many of its programs to the counties of Fauquier, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren. For more information on Skyline CAP’s programs and services, visit our website at www.skylinecap.org.

About People Incorporated

People Incorporated is a non-profit Community Action Agency and Community Development Corporation committed to providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged people to reach their goals in order to enhance their lives, families, and communities. People Incorporated serves 16 cities and counties in Virginia with programs and strategies designed to move people and communities into the economic mainstream. For more information, visit us at www.peopleinc.net.



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