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## GENERAL NEWS

### HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of [training webinars](#) on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled "[Wide Open School: An Online Platform for Summer Learning](#)," will introduce Wide Open School, a new and free website that offers a collection of the best online learning experiences and activities for children. According to the announcement, every year, kids across the country experience the "summer slide," when their math and reading skills slide backwards. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for millions of kids, especially low-income children living in public housing, the summer slide started three months early, leaving them at even greater risk of falling behind academically. Wide Open School will help parents combat the summer slide and keep kids learning, engaged, and entertained over the summer.

The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, from 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including instructions on how to register.



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