Organization:	**Wildwood Programs, Inc.**
Project Name:	**Wildwood Programs: Broadband Video for Human Services Agencies**
Project Type:	**Sustainable Broadband Adoption**
State:	**New York**
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Wildwood Programs is proposing a sustainable broadband adoption program to deploy videoconferencing and other broadband capabilities to 75 human services facilities in upstate New York to increase institutional broadband subscribership among organizations that serve people with disabilities in the region.

In light of a recent New York State finding that people with disabilities access broadband services and its attendant economic and social benefits much less frequently than the population at large, the project plans to make videoconferencing available to clients through a number of mediums, including from their home computers. Also, because many agencies providing service to people with disabilities have been slow to adopt high-speed services, the project intends to focus on remote staff training and coordination and act as a model and case study for the agencies as they incorporate broadband services into their client interactions.

Broadband Video for Human Services Agencies also proposes to:

- Provide computer skills and broadband training to as many as 900 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 2,700 training hours.

- Promote the use of broadband in human services across Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Schoharie, Columbia, and Greene Counties in New York, leveraging case workers' relationships with the families of clients that have disabilities to notify them about the program during their case intake and home visits.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Founded in 1967, Wildwood Programs partners with families to offer support and services to persons in Upstate New York with autism and other disabilities. Wildwood's approach is to interact with residents in ways that are individualized and tailored in a comprehensive way for each client's needs.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Living Resources
- Catholic Charities Disabilities Services