

IDEAL RRTC Disability Webinar Series

Broadband Internet Access: Implications for the Health of People With Disabilities

Thursday, January 13, 2022 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EST

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Description

Broadband internet access plays a critical role in modern society, facilitating long-distance communication, access to information, and health care interventions, as well as multiple opportunities for social participation. Internet access is increasingly necessary for work, filing for unemployment benefits, and receiving health care through telemedicine, making it a key component of the social determinants of health. It is estimated that one in four Americans does not have internet access or the computing devices needed to engage in these activities. Yet little is known about the impact of broadband internet access for the health of people with disabilities. This webinar will present new research findings and discuss current policy implications related to broadband internet for the health of adults with disability.

Presenters

Philippa Clarke, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. She is also a Research Professor at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. Her work examines the social determinants of disability, with a particular focus on the built environment for adults aging with disability.



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