



## EdgeNet - the Edgewood Terrace I Residential Network and Community Web Site

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HUD recognized that the low income families they serve have very limited access to the computer technology that is commonplace today in most businesses and higher income homes. To address this gap, Edgewood Terrace funded to be a demonstration project to provide that access and to create an “electronic community.”

CPDC has been working to address this gap at Edgewood Terrace through three directions: computer training (discussed earlier), computer access through a community computer center (the Gateway), and through EdgeNet, a residential network and community web site.

EdgeNet will be a premiere feature of Edgewood Terrace I. CPDC is working with industry consultants to provide high-speed Internet access and email from each residential unit, either through a traditional LAN or through a “thin-client” network. Through this connection, residents will be able to access the community web site. The web site will be controlled through a resident committee, and will have content posted *by, for, and about* the community. It will feature tools which facilitate residents sharing information with other residents, reading and sending email, posting notices to local community bulletin boards, participating in on-line community chats and post their own “web” content for other EdgeNet users to see.

Part of the content will also be donated by local partners. These pages will contribute important information to EdgeNet with the goal of helping residents find jobs, learn how to budget, plug into schools and government resources and other content designed to improve the lives of each resident and the greater community. All of our community partners who are providing services at Edgewood Terrace will be able to use EdgeNet to post information about what types of services are available, and when and how to sign up for those services. Additionally, email will give our partners and the consumers of their services another important tool to communicate.

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