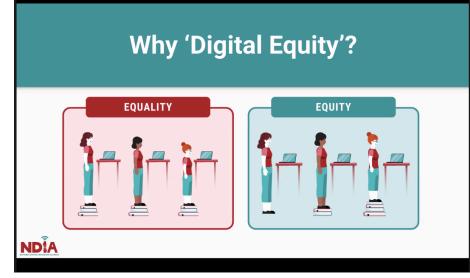


## Kennebec Broadband Partnership

The <u>Kennebec Broadband Partnership</u> at GrowSmart Maine is one of 13 Regional and Tribal Broadband Partners in Maine that works in **Kennebec County** to carry out programs to promote digital equity and literacy.

We want to ensure everyone can connect to the internet and has the devices, education, and training to use computers and be part of our digital world. We focus our efforts on older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, English Language Learners, recently incarcerated people, ethnic minorities, people with low income, and rural people.





We are building a structural foundation to deliver digital equity and literacy programs. Most people instinctively go to a library when they need tech help. The Kennebec Broadband Partnership program builds on that intrinsic relationship by centering its work in libraries as "the place to go" for digital services.

For libraries and other non-profits, we have a **Digital Navigator** dedicated to serving Kennebec County to help facilitate group classes and provide individual tech help. We also offer a <u>stipend program</u> to help fund digital literacy programs. We have locations, the help, and some funding to implement programs to help people connect for education, health care, employment and training, and personal use. Similar programs are getting off the ground all over Maine.