Training Older Adults on Technology

From the Community Center to the Remote Desktop

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Older Adults Technology Services



- Largest municipal technology program for seniors in U.S.
- 20,000 free classes since 2004
- 33 community technology labs
- Program design practice: AARP,
 Emblem Health, New York State





Senior Planet Exploration Center



- Retail location in Manhattan
- 10,000 visitors yearly
- Events, trainings, coaching, gaming, exhibits







SeniorPlanet.org

- ~100,000 unique visitors/month
- Daily content: "Aging with Attitude"
- Events calendar
- Tech tips, polls, live-stream programs







Results

- 12,600 served in 2013
- 3,100 free classes
- 83% more connected to friends and family
- 80% more confident living independently
- 84% improved quality of life







ACLP/OATS/Horrigan Study

Where Seniors Want Training:

- 36% Community Center
- 36% Library
- 28% Online Course
- 27% Electronics Store
- 50% Learn at home







Training Increases Broadband Benefits

36% of respondents have had some form of training

" <u>Helped a lot</u> "	<u>Trained</u>	Not trained
Stay in touch	55%	36%
Health/Medical info	25%	16%
Save money on products	19%	13%
Access govt. services	19%	12%





Modes of Training

Channel	Professional	Senior Focused	Personalized	Relaxed Environment	Technical Quality
	Trainers/Curriculum		Attention		
Community Center	☺	☺	©	©	?
Library	☺			©	©
Online Course	☺			©	
Electronics Store			☺		☺
Learn at Home			☺	?	





Special Case: Remote Desktop Coaching

- One-on-One Assistance
- Take over senior's computer
- Both people see the same screen
- Shared audio
- Can be used with curriculum or simply for tech support







Remote Desktop Options









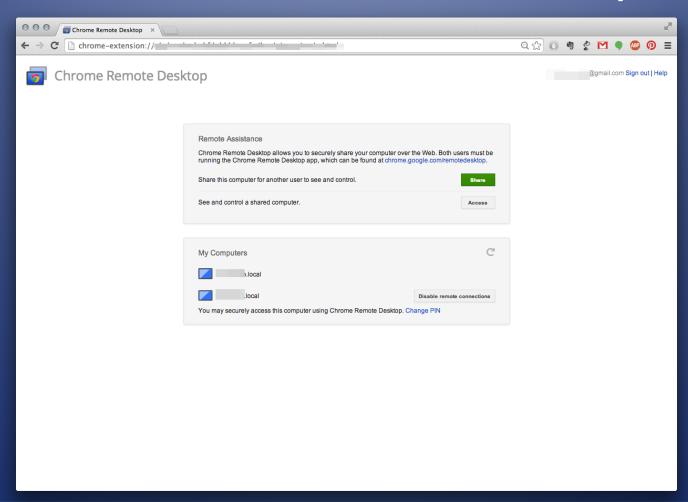








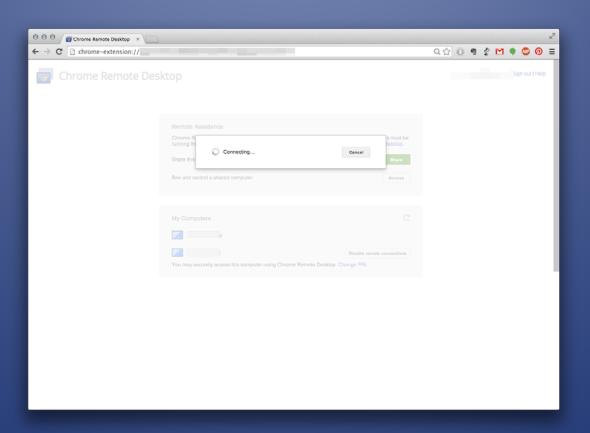
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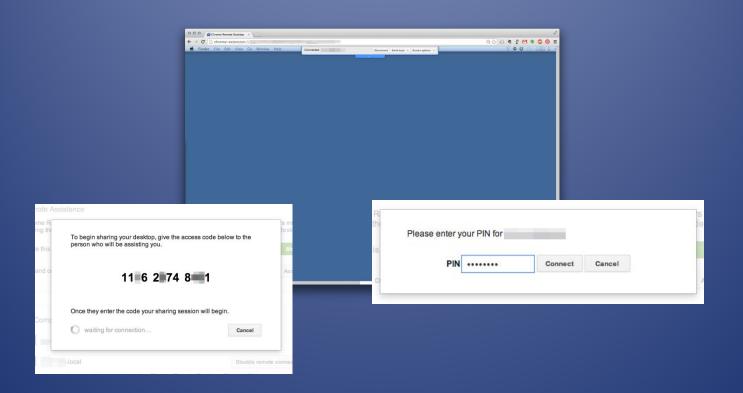
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Key Factors in Success

- High quality training
- Senior focused curriculum and methodology
- Individualized attention
- Relaxed environment
- Technical quality







Thank You!!!



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