

# The Edge

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## What is CAP?

The Community Access Program (CAP) is a Government of Canada initiative, administered by Industry Canada, which aims to provide Canadians with affordable public access to the Internet and the skills they need to use it effectively. With the combined efforts of the federal, provincial and territorial governments, community groups, social agencies, libraries, schools, volunteer groups and the business community, CAP helps Canadians, wherever they live, take advantage of emerging opportunities in the new global knowledge-based economy. Under CAP, public locations like schools, libraries and community centres act as "on-ramps" to the Information Highway, and provide computer support and training.

The program plays a crucial role in bridging the digital divide; contributing to the foundation for electronic access to government services; encouraging on-line learning and literacy; fostering the development of community based infrastructure; and, promoting Canadian e-commerce.

CAP is also complemented by its youth initiative, the Community Access Program Youth Initiative (CAP YI). The youth program provides employment opportunities to young Canadians.

## CAP Youth Initiative

The Community Access Program (CAP) Youth Initiative (YI) is coordinated by Industry Canada's Community Access Program and is funded through Human Resources and Social Development Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES). CAP's youth initiative aims to provide employment opportunities for young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 30 - primarily students, recent graduates, or the under-employed or unemployed.

The purpose of CAP YI is to provide youth with work experience that will facilitate the transition to the labour market. Its objectives are:

- To support the sustainability and long term viability of CAP Sites by providing work experience for young Canadians in CAP Sites across Canada;
- To increase the use of information and communications technology (ICT) across Canada to promote economic and social development at the community level; and
- To allow young people to gain valuable skills related to ICT thereby positioning them for longer-term employment

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