



## Microsoft, Miami Offer Seniors Free Computer Training, Customized PCs

**New technology packages from Microsoft, tailored to seniors, complement training at neighborhood senior centers in Miami.**

As part of its Unlimited Potential program, Microsoft is collaborating with the City of Miami on a new program, eSeniors, a public-private partnership that will provide free computer training and the opportunity to purchase customized technology packages to Miami seniors at learning hubs located in neighborhood senior centers throughout the city.

The eSeniors program is part of ELEVATE Miami, a broad initiative designed to enable all Miami residents to participate and compete in the digital economy. For eSeniors, the City of Miami is providing free training and computer access at senior centers, using recycled computers equipped with the Windows XP operating system, the Microsoft Office system and Microsoft Encarta.

Microsoft is also investing deeply in the ELEVATE Miami program through a cash donation of \$200,000 and \$400,000 in software.



**Miami Mayor Manny Diaz introduces the eSeniors partnership with Microsoft (Photo: Jorge Perez, City of Miami)**

Elevate Miami, a partnership between Miami Dade College (MDC) and the City of Miami, harnesses the transformative power of technology to help the working and workforce-bound by providing technological training in parks-based sites accessible to all. Microsoft's donation will be used to provide information technology instructors, student interns, and multi-lingual training materials for E-Parks digital literacy classes for small business owners and 800 low-income residents, ranging in age from 18 through seniors.

## Overcoming the Digital Divide to compete in a new economy

The Miami program is part of Microsoft's commitment to help end the "Digital Divide", a term first introduced into national public policy discourse over a decade ago.

People who have access to computers, the Web, and digital literacy training are simply more likely to be prosperous and than those who do not. And, as is usually the case when it comes to dealing with at-risk populations throughout the country, some of the most practical and pertinent discussions about how to deal with the consequences of the Digital Divide are occurring at the state and local government levels.

## Learn more about overcoming the Digital Divide:

- [PowerUp: The Campaign for Digital Inclusion](#)
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