



Is My S.A.Y. Yes! Center Ready for Computers?

Computers are a vital tool for youth this day and age. As more and more jobs require even basic computer use, it's important for youth to learn how to use computers and use them effectively. According to the US Department of Education, African-American and Hispanic kids living in cities are the least likely to have access to and use computers. By utilizing computers in your SY Center, you can help make sure that your kids have less of a chance of falling behind.

Having computers at your SY Center will require an investment of your time, someone from your church or community to help troubleshoot the computers when something goes wrong, and even some financial resources. Our hope is that we can provide you with resources to make running a computer program as easy as possible for you. You will still need to be willing to make a commitment to making sure that the computers stay up and running smoothly and that they are utilized well.

Here are some questions to ask yourself to see if you might be ready for computers at your SY Center:

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| <p>1. Do we have space for computers? Yes or No
Where? _____
How many Computers? _____</p> <p>2. Does the space have locked doors to prevent theft of the computers? Yes or No</p> <p>3. Is my center willing to spend the money to purchase locks to make sure that the computers are in a secure place? Yes or No
(Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for computers at churches and after-school to be stolen.)</p> <p>4. Does my church or community have someone who is able to set up the computers and fix them when the computer crashes or breaks? Yes or No
There must be someone who will be committed to being your "volunteer computer person."</p> <p>5. Who will be the person in my community to set up and fix your computers?
_____</p> <p>6. Am I (the SY Director) willing to learn more about computers? (We just need you to be willing to learn, and attend a half-day computer training that we will provide.) Yes or No</p> <p>7. Do we have electrical outlets in the space we will put the computers? Yes or No</p> | <p>8. What will we use the computers for?

(Example: math and reading tutoring, computer training, free time, homework help?)</p> <p>9. When will we have computer time and how often?

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