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MVHub: The Merrimack Valley Community Information Guide

Benefits:

- MVHub quickly links people with the services they need and are actively looking for
- MVHub is online -so it is easy to update, and maintain for minimal cost - in both time and money
- MVHub Provides employment for teens - teaching them valuable professional skills, while getting them in the habit of giving back to the community
- MVHub is based on free and open source software (FOSS)

Background

MVHub is the flagship project of the Community Software lab. MVHub centralizes and maintains accurate information about community resources to help residents, social workers, and other human service workers be more effective in finding each other. Instead of multiple agencies spending precious time and money creating and updating their own resource guides, MVHub requires no effort from agencies or the public.

MVHub Goals for 2009

1. Increase MVHub outreach and awareness to both human service providers and community residents
2. Increase community workforce development
3. Develop, implement, and test new MVHub services to the North Shore
4. Based on successful practices, develop a free and open source software (FOSS) model to be franchised to other communities

MVHub is made possible by the Lowell Telecommunications Corporation (LTC) and the Community Software Lab (CSL). The LTC (<http://ltc.org>) builds a better community through technology. The CSL (<http://theosl.org>) writes and maintains open source software for nonprofit organizations.