# WASHINGTON STATE TELEHEALTH COLLABORATIVE MEETING

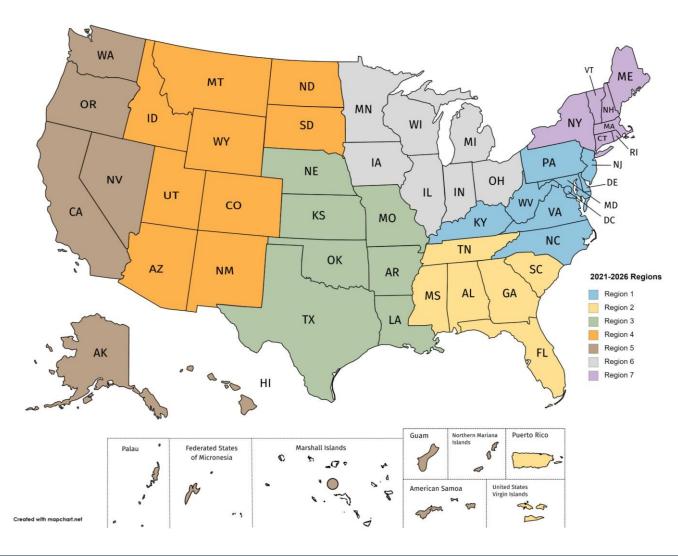
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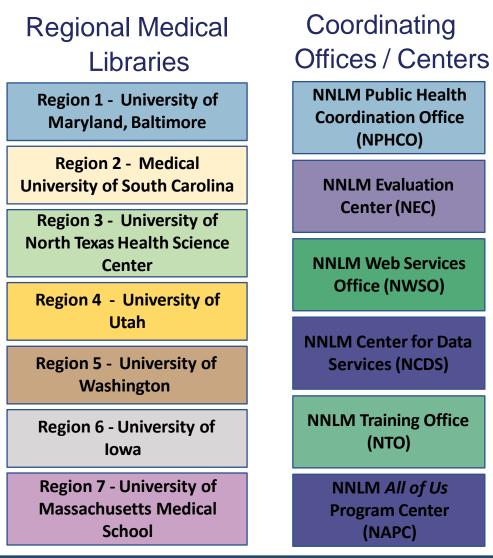
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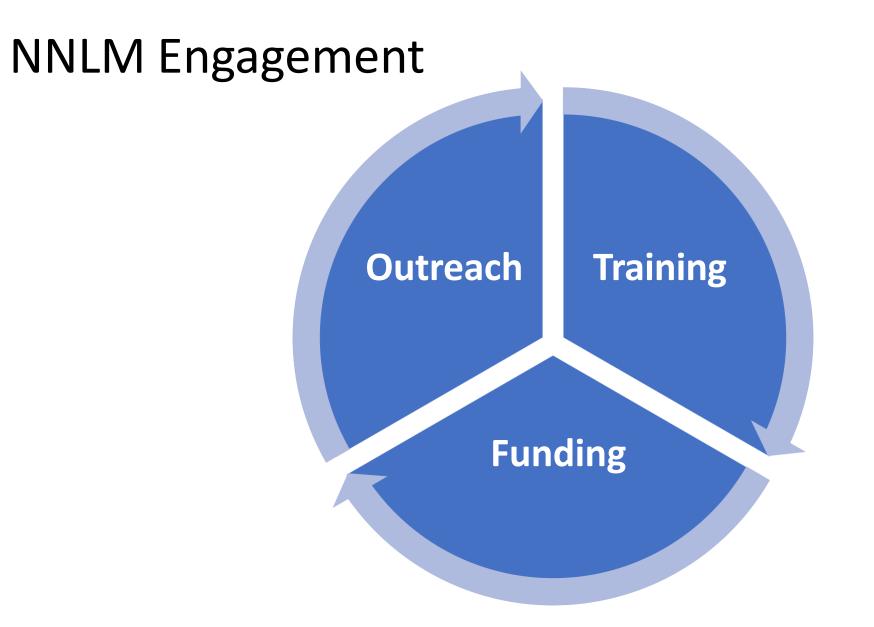


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### Library Telehealth Pilots or Programs Exist in These States

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### Factors Impacting Telehealth Services

#### Factors Igniting Telehealth Services

- The COVID-19 pandemic.
- Time away from work and childcare or adult care considerations.
- 66% of patients report forgetting to ask questions from in-person appointments.
- Extending Medicare coverage of telehealth visits through the end of 2024.
- Biden Harris Administration Broadband Expansion.

#### Factors Hindering Telehealth Services

- Concerns over equipment or technology.
- Concerns over service change.
- Ease-of-use.
- Knowledge of the benefits of telehealth.
- Access to care.
- Cost.
- Privacy.



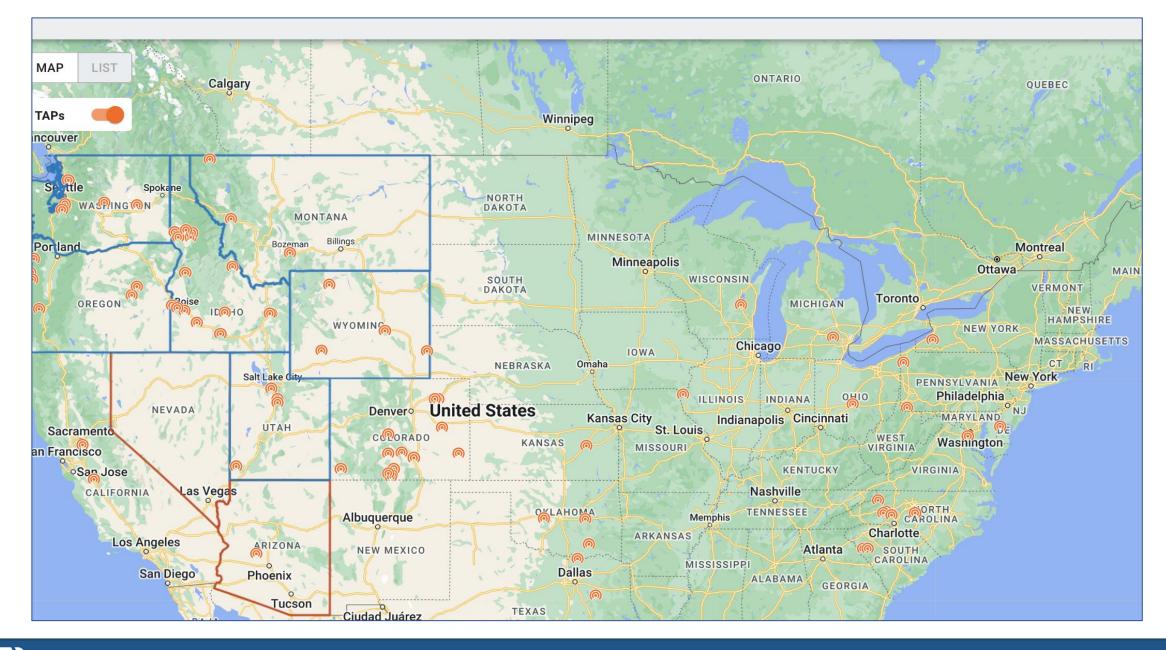
## Libraries as Telehealth Access Points

Libraries are equipped to serve as *telehealth access points*.

- Community anchors
- Digital access/connectivity
- Private, safe spaces









## Library Telehealth Takes Many Forms

Device Lending		Infrastructure Updates		Staffing
	Partnerships		Privacy	



# **THANK YOU!**

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