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# Meet the Candidates

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**PRTC Offers Free Installation, Discount on Internet Service for Teleworks USA Clients in Jackson and Owsley counties**

Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative (PRTC) is now offering incentives to Teleworks USA clients in Jackson and Owsley counties who successfully land a remote job.

The premier internet service provider in Jackson and Owsley counties, PRTC has remained a close community partner with Teleworks USA since 2015 when the cooperative agreed to provide high-speed broadband service to Teleworks USA's Annville Teleworks Hub, and subsequently to the Booneville Teleworks Hub two years later. Thanks to this ongoing collaboration, and support from additional partners, Teleworks USA has been able to help connect more than 750 people with new teleworks jobs in Jackson and Owsley counties since 2015.

Effective Oct. 1, PRTC is now offering free installation and a \$50 credit on the first three months of internet service to Teleworks USA clients who have completed a Teleworks USA workshop at the Annville or Booneville Hub, landed a new remote job, and are also new broadband PRTC customers.

"PRTC has been an excellent community partner since we first opened the Annville Teleworks Hub," said Betty Hays, operations manager for Teleworks USA. "We were excited to hear that PRTC is adding to that partnership and is now offering a substantial discount for internet service to Teleworks USA clients in their service area. This new discount from PRTC is very helpful for new teleworkers as they establish a home office and begin working remotely."

PRTC operates a gigabit capable network in Jackson and Owsley counties, delivering some of the fastest internet speeds in the nation. CEO Keith Gabbard said high-speed broadband is an economic development tool, and providing internet service to the local Teleworks Hubs and assisting successful clients with obtaining affordable internet service can only help build a better community.

"Reliable internet service is not only a convenience, but for remote workers it's a requirement to maintain a good job," Gabbard said. "Anytime we can help people get more jobs and help them get started with broadband service, that's something we're perfectly happy to do."

A division of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP), Inc., Teleworks USA identifies and develops legitimate remote-work job opportunities with multiple national and global companies. The agency operates Teleworks Hubs in eight Eastern Kentucky counties, which provide on-site services, customized prep workshops, and telework job-placement opportunities to prospective teleworkers.

If you're interested in landing a legitimate work-from-home job, or if you want to know more about how Teleworks USA assists prospective teleworkers, visit [www.teleworksusa.com](http://www.teleworksusa.com) or call the Annville or Booneville Teleworks Hub at 606-364-2831 or 606-438-5399 respectively.

**Beshear Calls for Tougher Restrictions on Illegal Robocalls, 'Neighbor Spoofing' Tactics**

Kentuckians need even more protections from costly scams, robocalls

FRANKFORT, KY. (Oct. 12, 2018) – Attorney General Andy Beshear is calling on federal regulators to allow telephone service providers to block more illegal robocalls being made to Kentuckians.

Beshear and more than 30 state attorneys general detail in their letter that scammers have devised methods to evade a call blocking order issued by the Federal Communications Commission last year.

Beshear said at issue is "neighborhood spoofing," a technique allowing scammers – no matter where they are located – to appear on Kentuckians' caller ID as being from a phone number that has the same local area code – 270, 502, 606 or 859.

"Protecting Kentuckians from the constant barrage of unwanted scams and robocalls is an ongoing priority of my office," Beshear said. "We must strengthen the protections to our citizens when scammers strengthen their ploys to deceive them."

In 2017, the Federal Trade Commission received 4.5 million illegal robocall complaints – two and a half times more than in 2014.

Beshear said his Office of Consumer Protection receives more than a thousand complaints each year with respect to illegal calls, including scam calls, telemarketing complaints and robocalls.

Beshear encourages Kentuckians to use the National Do Not Call Registry provided by the FCC.

Beshear and his office are fighting to stop con artists and are asking Kentuckians to report scams and identity theft via his office's online form.

Earlier this year, Beshear announced nearly 2,200 Kentucky small businesses would get money back from a Michigan-based company that allegedly sold scam services.

Beshear recommends all Kentuckians stay ahead of scammers by signing up for his office's Scam Alerts. To enroll text the words KYOAG Scam to GOV-311 (468-311) or online at [ag.ky.gov/scams](http://ag.ky.gov/scams) and select text message or email alert.

**Local District Judges Participates in Sessions on Casey's Law, Pretrial Release and More at Judicial College Sept 16-19 in Lexington**

Courtesy of The Sentinel Echo

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 12, 2018 – District Court Judges Henria Bailey-Lewis and Allen B. Roberts, who serves Clay, Jackson, and Leslie Counties participated in sessions on Casey's Law, guardianship cases, cultural competency and more Sept. 16-19 at the 2018 District Judges College in Lexington. The Education Committee of the Kentucky District Judges Association and the Office of Judicial Branch Education at the Administrative Office of the Courts developed the college.

"The educational programs help judges enhance their legal knowledge and administrative skills, with the resulting public benefit of competent and fair administration of justice," said District Court Judge John M. McCarty, president of the Kentucky District Judges Association. "The judges also got to spend some quality time with each other. Our annual colleges are a great opportunity to come together and discuss insights and shared challenges."

Judge McCarty serves as a district judge for Butler, Edmonson, Hancock and Ohio counties, and is temporarily serving as a Family Court judge for Daviess County.

In the session on Casey's Law, judges heard from people who said they benefited from the involuntary commitment law, which allows parents and others to petition courts for treatment on behalf of the person with a substance use disorder. The legislation is named for Casey Wethington of Northern Kentucky, who died from a heroin overdose in 2002. Guest speakers were Casey's mother, Charlotte Wethington, who initiated the law and is a recovery advocate, and Wayne Crabtree, recently retired director of the Office of Addiction Services for the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness. Judges led a discussion on addiction, treatment and court intervention during the session.

The session on guardianship covered House Bill 5, a law the 2018 General Assembly passed that aims to address the growing number of vulnerable elderly and disabled people who become wards of the state. Under the legislation, judges must determine exceptional circumstances before appointing the state, rather than a family member, as guardian.

Pastor Edward Palmer, a certified diversity trainer, presented on cultural competency, which involves understanding differences in culture and interacting with people of other cultures effectively. The session also focused on racial disparity in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, where black youths are overrepresented in areas such as diversion overrides, meaning they are not allowed to participate in diversion after committing an offense and instead are sentenced in court.

The college also covered pretrial release, court designated workers and juvenile case processing, domestic violence, ethics and new case law.

Judges had a special opportunity to hear from the justices of the Supreme Court of Kentucky in a panel discussion.

The college included 17 hours of continuing judicial education credit for the district judges.

**USDA Offers Secure, Convenient Online Business Options**

Farmers, Ranchers and Foresters Encouraged to Sign-In/Sign-Up

LEXINGTON, KY – October 16, 2018 - Farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers in Kentucky have new online options to access U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs. Through USDA's new streamlined process producers can now register, track and manage their applications for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) and 2017 Wildfires/Hurricanes Indemnity Program (2017 WHIP) on the secure and convenient <https://www.farmers.gov/sign-in>.

"You can conduct business with USDA from the comfort of your home, office, or mobile device," said Brian D. lacefield, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director for Kentucky. "These online services save time, reduce paperwork and, in some cases, speed up processing."

MFP and 2017 WHIP are administered by FSA and are currently available on the <https://www.farmers.gov/sign-in>. To apply and manage their applications online, producers first need to sign up for the Level 2 eAuthentication access. Enrolling is a two-step process. For producers who do not already have an account can register for an account at [www.eauth.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.usda.gov). After creating the account, customers receive a confirmation email with instructions for identity verification. Identity verification can be completed online or by presenting a government issued photo ID in person at a USDA service center.

In addition to the programs available through the farmers.gov portal, other programs offered by FSA can be managed at the Online Services page with the same eAuthentication credentials.

"We know doing business online has become a key part of many agricultural operations and hope our online services can provide the ease and convenience you've come to expect," said Lacefield.

To learn more about conducting business with USDA online and to locate the nearest USDA service center, visit [www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov).