

Using AI with Wisdom, Purpose, and Power

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Understand enough to challenge the harms. Develop enough skill to use the opportunities.

Communities should help shape technology, not simply have it happen to them.

Our 60 minutes

0-5 min	Why it matters
5-13 min	From answers to assignments
13-25 min	Rights and risks
25-37 min	Practical opportunities and demo
37-45 min	Paired exercise
45-50 min	Five supervision checks
50-58 min	Questions and answers
58-60 min	One responsible next step

From questions to assignments

Chatbot: responds to questions and conversation.

Assistant: helps with context, documents, and available tools.

Agent: pursues a goal across steps and tools within its permissions.

These capabilities overlap; they are not a rigid replacement history. "Digital teammate" is a metaphor. Humans retain accountability.

A text-only demo is a workflow simulation, not proof of actual agent execution. Verify claimed actions in the destination tool.

Rights, risks, and useful opportunities

Ask who benefits and who bears the cost

- **Bias and discrimination:** question consequential decisions. Ask what evidence, human review, and ways to contest a decision are available.
- **Misinformation and deepfake fraud:** confident language and familiar voices are not verification. Check the original source or a known contact channel.
- **Privacy:** practice with fictional or public data. Never use confidential complaints, member lists, or children's records.

For data centers, ask: Who pays infrastructure and exit costs? What are local water, power, noise, and pollution impacts? Which jobs are temporary or permanent? How can residents influence decisions before approval? Which benefits are enforceable?

Use local, project-specific evidence, not a universal per-prompt water estimate. Pennsylvania model tariff guidance addresses large-load costs; it does not guarantee universal bill protection.

Three useful starting points

1. Fictional meeting notes to an owner/action list.
2. Approved facts to an event plan and draft invitation.
3. Public documents to sourced questions for a hearing.

AI can widen access to capabilities once requiring specialist staff. Human judgment, community knowledge, and verification remain necessary.

Five supervision checks

Facts: Verify claims, names, dates, numbers, and sources.

Fairness: Ask who is excluded, misrepresented, or treated unfairly.

Privacy: Check what information you shared and whether it belongs in the tool.

Permission: Set what the tool may do and what requires your approval.

Ownership: Name the human who reviews, corrects, and takes responsibility.

Practice with fictional information

Copy these from SBCImpactErie.com/ai, or type them into the AI tool you choose. No real participant information is needed. Keep every output in draft form.

Prompt 1 · Give a bounded assignment

I'm preparing a fictional, nonpartisan community digital-literacy workshop for 30 adults with mixed technology experience. We have 60 minutes, four volunteers, a \$150 budget, and unreliable Wi-Fi. The venue and date are not confirmed. Create a timed agenda, volunteer assignments, a draft invitation, and a checklist of decisions still needed. Do not invent speakers, partners, confirmed logistics, or expenses. Mark assumptions clearly. Keep everything in draft form for my review.

Prompt 2 · Supervise and revise

Review those drafts for contradictions and missing information. Revise the plan so it works without a projector or internet. Identify what can be prepared now and what needs my decision. Do not send messages, publish anything, spend money, or collect participant information.

Inspect the result

- Does the agenda total 60 minutes?
- Are volunteer responsibilities clear?
- Did it invent a venue, a partner, a date, or a price?
- Does the revised plan actually work without internet or a projector?
- What still needs your decision before anyone acts?

No connection? Read the prompts together. Predict what could go wrong, then write the checks you would apply to a draft.

Your assignment and next step

Paired exercise: Choose one recurring branch task. Use fictional or public information. Give your partner an assignment with all five parts.

Job and purpose: what should the tool help accomplish, and why?

Audience: who will use the result?

Source facts: what is verified, and what is still unknown?

Constraints: what must it avoid or ask before doing?

Output: table, checklist, draft, or sourced questions?

My assignment:

Swap assignments. Identify one missing fact and one boundary to clarify.

My next step: one low-risk task + one verification step + one boundary.

Keep learning

NAACP: Frontline Framework Community Guiding Principles

NIST: Generative AI Risk Management Profile (PDF)

Pennsylvania PUC: Large Load Customers - final order and model tariff

Anthropic: Building effective agents (2024; tooling has evolved)

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