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Dr. Kenny Sherin is the Community and Economic Development Program Manager for NC State Extension, where he oversees broadband initiatives and a wide portfolio of programs designed to strengthen North Carolina's communities and economies.

A native of Union County, North Carolina, Sherin grew up on his family farm before earning two degrees in natural resources and forestry from NC State University. He later completed a Master of Divinity at Campbell University and a Ph.D. in Rural Sociology and Community Development at the University of Missouri.



Sherin previously served as State Program Leader for Community Vitality at South Dakota State University Extension, where he directed statewide community development initiatives. In 2019, he returned to North Carolina to serve as County Extension Director in Randolph County, and in 2021, he took on the additional role of Broadband Access and Education Coordinator for N.C. Cooperative Extension, providing statewide leadership in digital opportunities.

Today, Sherin continues to lead efforts to expand digital opportunity in North Carolina. His work comes at a pivotal time, as more than 90% of jobs in the state require digital skills, while over one million adults still lack them. Through his leadership, NC State Extension is building programs, such as the NC Digital Futures Program, that help North Carolinians "earn, learn, be well, and live well" in an increasingly digital economy.