Digital Access for All

The Patterson Foundation (TPF) created its Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative which explores the efforts of multiple sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

Why is The Patterson Foundation supporting the DA4A initiative, and why now?

For more than a decade, TPF initiatives have emphasized embracing technology and optimizing its benefits to strengthen its work. With the COVID-19 pandemic, digital access has emerged as a basic necessity to connect to various activities that have increasingly shifted to an online environment. These include services related to education, health, employment, and other vital needs.

Unfortunately, many asset-limited families, older adults, and communities struggle to acquire internet access, computer devices, and training to succeed in this new, technology-driven world.

TPF created its DA4A initiative to explore the efforts of national, state, and regional thought leaders who are working to address these issues in ways that connect people while fostering inclusion and well-being. Discovering and exploring the interconnected opportunities and possibilities these people and groups offer is at the heart of TPF's DA4A initiative. We hope you will join us to learn more.

FREE WEBINAR: "Better Together - How Digital Access Intersects with Our Work, Our Lives and Our World"

Join us on Thursday, October 1, 2-3:30pm (ET) for a free webinar hosted by the Florida Prosperity Partnership. Presenters include Maribel Martinez, Senior Director of Programs and Evaluation for EveryoneOn, and Jeremy Hegle, Senior Community Development Advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Eileen Coogan, President & CEO of Alleghany Franciscan Ministries will join

Innovative Ideas: EveryoneOn

Each month, our Innovative Ideas section explores organizations and people who are enhancing and improving digital access in our region and beyond. In this issue, we introduce you to EveryoneOn, a nonprofit helping asset-limited families connect to affordable internet service, obtain low-cost computers, and receive digital skills training through free online resources, like their Offer Locator Tool. The tool allows users to enter their zip code and select criteria, like whether they live in public housing or have a K-12 or college student in their household. They are then directed to discounts on services, devices, and training tailored to their financial needs. Through accessible resources and services, like their Offer Locator Tool, EveryoneOn has helped nearly 800,00 people bridge the digital divide since its founding in 2012. Learn more by visiting EveryoneOn.org.

Connecting to Increase Awareness

Digital access is imperative to participate and thrive in today's society, and COVID-19 has accelerated this trend. From learning, to healthcare, to filing for unemployment, to staying connected with family and friends, almost everything is happening online. Yet, keeping informed about the latest ideas and possibilities related to digital access is not always easy. To fulfill this need, TPF and the Herald-Tribune Media Group are partnering to bring a digital-access component to the Aspirations Journalism initiative.

as a guest panelist. The session will be moderated by Dr. Laurey Stryker, initiative manager for DA4A.

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As part of this new focus, Aspirations Journalism will explore issues and stories that build empathy and evolve our understanding of what digital access entails and how it affects our daily lives, our communities, and our society.

Read the latest stories around Digital Access for All

Learn more about Aspirations Journalism

Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Send digital access for all ideas to digitalaccess@thepattersonfoundation.org to be included in future updates.

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