The Patterson Foundation created its Digital Access for All initiative to explore, educate, and engage sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

Strategic Positioning Update
By Kellie Alexander

As 2024 starts with enthusiastic movement, The Patterson Foundation’s (TPF) Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative reflects on what was propelled following an intentional strategic positioning session in July 2023. The session focused on what project(s) existed in each of the three legs (connectivity, devices, skills/support), what strategy supported, and where alignment existed between TPF values, DA4A goals, and the local community. With collaboration near and far, endeavors in the three legs continued or began to take shape. View more about DA4A’s 2023 reflections here.

Additional highlights affirm the importance of the three legs for digital access and represent movement, as well as local and national collaboration:
- Donation of 119 devices to “STUG for refurbishment and redistribution to community members”
- Identification of connections and aspirations throughout the digital access community through 1:1

Closing The ACP Gap

Reflecting on the past year, The Gap Team has successfully created opportunities for eligible asset-limited families and individuals to enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program and benefit from low-cost internet and devices to foster inclusion and well-being, thus closing the ACP eligibility and enrollment gap.

Evolving since the pilot launched in May, The Gap has 21 ACP Engagers who have attended over 20 events throughout the year to educate and engage eligible community members! As we look toward the New Year, we are excited to continue our collaborative efforts to connect individuals and families to low-cost internet, devices, and skills and support to enable them to connect to vital services and participate in modern society digitally. This month’s Gap report explores our 2023 efforts. Read more here.
meetings with organizations for a Matrix update.
- Growth of The Gap process and structure to include training for ACP engagers and Digital Navigators, leading to greater enrollment in ACP.
- Webversation with panelist presentations and breakout rooms, showcasing enthusiasm for more engagement opportunities.
- Internal TPF reflection and learning about skills/support to better inform digital training for TPFers.
- DA4A engagement in many state and national learning opportunities to ensure knowledge of the most current digital access information.

The DA4A team wishes you a wonderful start to 2024 and looks forward to furthering work in the digital access space with collaboration and sharing cookies.

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### The Perfect Holiday Gift
**By Carol Kranitz**

Recently, Carol Kranitz was trained to be a Digital Navigator for the four-county region (Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota). When she signed up, she didn't understand the impact of a family not being able to "jump" on the internet. In her blog, she shares learnings and takeaways from the past 2 1/2 months.

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### Remake Learning Days
**By Avery Crews Prado de Lima**

In 2023, we held our second Suncoast Remake Learning Days festival, and due to the dedication, hard work, and
Proposal Forward
By Karen Stewart

The DA4A team has been connecting with the Florida Commerce Broadband Office to learn how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has evolved across the country and in Florida. In my recent blog, Federal Broadband Funding: From Planning to Implementation, steps taken by Florida Commerce to ensure digital equity and access through the BEAD program were summarized. These steps included the release of the BEAD initial proposal Volume 1 and the announcement of the required 30-day public comment period. This blog provides an update and summary of the release of Volume 2 of the initial proposal and of the submission of the BEAD initial proposal (Volumes 1 and 2) to the NTIA, which emphasizes funding for infrastructure and workforce education.

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Celebrating Success: Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Earns Pacesetter Honors

For the 8th time, SCGLR has been named a Pacesetter by the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, one of 20 communities and the only multi-county endeavor. SCGLR was also recognized for its communications excellence with several winning honors and was given a Bright Spot recognition for Affordable Connectivity Digital Navigators.

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Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Is there a national, regional, or local effort you'd like us to know about or feature in future publications? Contact DA4A at digitalaccess@thepattersonfoundation.org to be considered.

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