

Digital Access for All



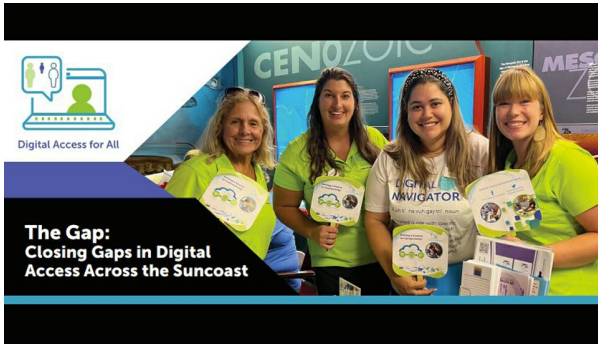
The Patterson Foundation created its Digital Access for All initiative to explore, educate, and engage sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

You're Invited to Patriot Plaza's 10th Anniversary Celebration!



For ten years, [Patriot Plaza](#), a world-class outdoor American military history museum, has stood as a beacon in The Patterson Foundation's initiative history, being in the first nine legacy initiatives undertaken and generously funded by The Patterson Foundation. The plaza continues to shine and welcome visitors from far and wide to its graceful pavers with its symbolic artwork and gripping documentary photography. Please join The Patterson Foundation in welcoming the community to the FREE 10th Anniversary Celebration. [RSVP here and share the invite with your family and friends. This is an event for one and all!](#)

Evolving The Gap – Making Meaningful Changes Toward Positive Transformations By Kiarra Louis



In May 2023, The Patterson Foundation launched the Gap to close the Affordable Connectivity Program's (ACP) eligibility and enrollment gap.

Digital Navigators – Connecting Community Members to Digital Access Resources



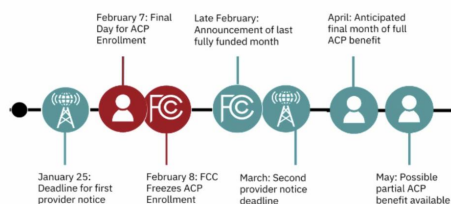
Trained Digital Navigators connect families and individuals with opportunities to obtain digital connectivity, devices, skills, and support. One-on-one digital navigation assistance may be provided in person,

ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Without additional funding from Congress, the ACP is projected to run out in April 2024. As a result, the Federal Communications Commission has begun taking steps to wind down the ACP.

To continue strengthening individuals in the Suncoast region, The Gap is pivoting from closing the gap between those ACP eligible and ACP enrolled to focusing on closing the digital access gaps that exist between those who are connected to affordable internet, devices, and skill support. [Learn more by reading the full blog.](#) [Read the latest Gap Report here.](#)

The ACP Is No Longer Accepting Applications

NDIA ACP Wind-Down Timeline



Beginning on February 8, 2024, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) [stopped accepting and processing applications](#) for discounted internet. Over 22 million people in the U.S. signed up for the ACP, but without action from Congress, the current funding pot is expected to be depleted this April. [Learn more here.](#)

However, the ACP isn't dead yet. Your voice can lend support for federal reinvestment funding to continue so that home internet is more affordable.

What's important to remember is that the ACP wind-down does not signal the end of digital navigation because low-cost internet plans have been around for over a decade and because the digital divide will widen after the ACP shuts down. Tell others about the ACP wind-down, and if anyone needs help with the transition, they can [contact a Digital Navigator](#) from The Patterson Foundation's Digital Navigator Program for free.

by phone, or via email. Learn how Digital Navigators support our community by reading the blogs below.

- [Digital Navigator, Should I Go for It?](#) By Joni Hansen
- [The World of Digital Navigation](#) By Melissa Hirstein

Nonprofit Internship Opportunity



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The Patterson Foundation's Advancing Philanthropic Leadership Initiative is looking to [offer internships](#) to Lilly Family School of Philanthropy students in the **Summer 2024 (May-August 2024) and Fall 2024 (August-December 2024) semesters**. Students at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy can bring immense value to your organization through an internship opportunity. We invite you, if you wish, to submit an internship description for the upcoming year. Your organization must be registered with The Giving Partner to submit an internship profile. Of course, we hope your organization's LWRCC is in alignment for you to do so.

Please submit internship profiles to me by February 22, 2024. I am linking sample profiles [HERE](#) and an FAQ [HERE](#) that you can review. This is a fully funded opportunity offered by The Patterson Foundation for an intern for 150 hrs for one semester. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [via email](#).

CGLR Webinar – "Big Bets Working - Connecting Communities: National & Local Partners Linking

ACP Wind-Down: Impact on the Bead Program

By Karen Stewart

DIGITAL DIVIDE

DON'T LET THE DIGITAL DIVIDE HOLD YOU BACK



Over the past several months, 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, [Florida Moves BEAD Proposal Forward](#), an update was provided on the progress taken by Florida Commerce to ensure digital equity and access through the [BEAD program](#) were summarized. These steps included the release of [Volume 1 of the Florida BEAD Initial Proposal](#) and [Volume 2 of the Florida BEAD Initial Proposal](#). This blog provides a brief update on additional progress made. It examines a potential challenge to the BEAD program's success due to the wind-down of the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#). [Read the full blog here.](#)



On January 9th, Digital Access For All team member and Fellow at The Patterson Foundation, [Andrew Spector](#), presented as a panelist on [The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's](#) webinar, “[Big Bets Working - Connecting Communities: National & Local Partners Linking Families to the Internet.](#)” In his comments, Andrew connected digital access to educational outcomes and shared about Digital Access For All, including our efforts around the National Philanthropy Scan, digital matrix, ACP Engagers, and Digital Navigators. Andrew also articulated the various important ways funders can support digital access efforts. Adeyinka Ogunlegan of [EducationSuperHighway](#), Amina Fazlullah of [Common Sense Media](#), and Michael Calabrese of [New America](#) joined him on the panel. Adeyinka, Amina, and Michael illustrated the “why” of digital equity and highlighted the impactful work of their organizations.

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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