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## Digital Access for All

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The Patterson Foundation (TPF) created its Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative to explore, educate, and engage sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

### Benefits of Donating your Devices By [Maribel Martinez](#)



Not everyone who needs a computer can afford to buy one, and the list of organizations that provide free or affordable computers has dwindled to only a few in the U.S. Conversely, electronic devices people no longer want or use find their way to massive dump sites, contributing to a growing pollution problem globally. In other places, people keep their out-of-use devices in garages and drawers without clear guidance on how to safely dispose of them. Learn more about e-waste and how doing better can create jobs and help a neighbor in need.

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TPF Fellow & DA4A Team Member Rachel Builds Connective Tissue at [Net Inclusion](#) Conference

### Examining the Affordable Connectivity Program's Progress Through Interactive Dashboards

Using a grant from [The Pew Charitable Trusts](#) through its [Broadband Access Initiative](#), the [Annenberg Research Network on International Communication](#) (ARNIC) has developed [interactive dashboards](#) displaying participation in the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP). Their dashboards combine enrollment data from USAC and county-level demographic characteristics from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Explore the maps below.

- [ACP Participation Map by Counties](#)
- [Individual State ACP Dashboard](#)
- [Scatterplot Comparison of Two \(or a Few\) States](#)

Additional ACP data provided directly from USAC can be found [here](#).

Diving deeper into ACP participation data is essential, especially to inform policy and strengthen conversations on increasing enrollment among individuals, organizations, and government.

Digital Navigator Program Update: MHI's New DNS

Rachel Hettinger attended [NDIA's Net Inclusion 2023](#) from February 28 through March 2 at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Net Inclusion supported the local digital inclusion community and helped practitioners nationwide learn from their leadership and ecosystem.

Rachel focused on digital connection issues and built connective tissue with movers and shakers in the space. It is only when we connect with each other to share our learnings and failures that we can bridge the digital divide our country is facing. As she attended sessions on topics from ACP to healthcare inclusion to digital navigation, a focus on the mindset of abundance was prevalent at the forefront. When we focus on what we do have, the pathways toward our shared aspirations will emerge.

More to come next month on Rachel's experience being in community with 800+ digital inclusion practitioners, policymakers, advocates, researchers, and other digital inclusion leaders.

**In the meantime, watch [day one](#) and [day two](#) live streams.**

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## Digital Navigator Program Update: Sarasota County Library's New Digital Navigator Portal

[The Patterson Foundation's values](#) – leadership, willingness, readiness, capacity, and culture (LWRCC) – are tenets of its [Digital Navigator Program](#). Participating organizations who volunteer to enfold the program into their existing mission walk alongside the [#DigitalAccessforAll](#) team and live those values to make digital navigation permanent and thriveable within their organizations.

This month, we spotlight Sarasota County Libraries' hard work in launching a new internal Digital Navigator Dashboard that captures their LWRCC!

The new dashboard exhibits the unique tech skills of librarians who have adapted and innovated systems that work best for staff to deliver excellent service to patrons daily. The Digital Navigator Dashboard ensures that



[The Multicultural Health Institute \(MHI\)](#), a local nonprofit addressing healthcare access disparities, added five new Digital Navigators (DNs) to their trained staff. Since their care navigation team is on the front lines directly engaging with the community, they already possess key traits of a Digital Navigator – trust and a warmhearted attitude. “Their Care Navigators are trusted community members, neighbors, and friends. They regularly meet with asset-limited people who could benefit from affordable internet, devices, and computer training the most, so they can be better equipped to access modern health care such as telehealth that often bypasses those who are under-resourced and without digital tools,” said [Maribel Martinez](#), a consultant with The Patterson Foundation, training Digital Navigators participating in The Patterson Foundation's [Digital Navigator Program](#).

MHI joined the third cohort of the Digital Navigator Program last fall, and we are thrilled to welcome Alex, Angela, Bonnie, Darlene, and Onyx to the team!

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## Join us for our 5th National Workshop Digital Access and Data: How can funders unearth the data around Digital Access needs?

Regardless of a funder's mission, addressing the pressing concerns of digital access touches everything we do as a society. Funders with missions in education, arts, civic engagement, climate, health, workforce, and more must expand digital access needs. After speaking to over 30 funders across the country, we are delighted to co-host pioneers in digital access who raise the bar in what's possible during a special Funder-to-Funder Workshop.

[Register here to join us for our fifth workshop.](#)

trained Digital Navigator librarians have all the links, forms, and tools they need in one place to work with patrons who need affordable internet, computing devices, and digital literacy training. The dashboard also syncs with their new [Tech Navigators](#) program, which helps upskill patrons with personalized digital skills support.

Thank you, Sarasota County Libraries, for taking these steps to grow digital navigation at the library!



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## Workshop #4: Digital Access and Telehealth: What's working, What are the challenges, and What are the opportunities? NPS Workshop #4 Recap

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### Beyond The Blog

[Debra Jacobs, president and CEO](#)



Of the many gifts our work in philanthropy has given back to us since The Patterson Foundation's inception in 2010, the stories of those strengthened by that work are some of our most cherished. Even more than a decade into our journey as changemakers, we never cease to be humbled and inspired by the personal accounts of the people, organizations, and communities able to turn their aspirations into actions through their participation in TPF's initiatives and endeavors.

The opportunity to share that inspiration throughout TPF's network and beyond has long motivated our approach to communications and storytelling...

This pursuit has led to our new multimedia storytelling platform, Beyond The Blog. In each edition, you will find a collection of videos, podcasts, and other engaging content featuring stories of the people, organizations, and communities strengthened through the Foundation's work. We will publish a new edition of Beyond The Blog monthly, while our legacy blog will continue to publish the posts readers



Patient Portals, Digital Health Records, and Telehealth reflect our society's shift to practicing health care in the digital world. With a device and connectivity, healthcare can be accessed from more places than ever before, creating great opportunities for the healthcare industry through Telehealth.

TPF's fourth of eight Digital Access Funder Workshops highlighted Digital Access and Telehealth: What's working, What are the challenges, and What are the opportunities? We were delighted to be joined by over 40 participants from funders and organizations around the world for an interactive workshop featuring: [Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer, NAMI USA](#); [Michael Tipton, CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation](#); [Veneeth Iyengar, Executive Director, ConnectLA \(Louisiana\)](#) Working at the nexus of Digital Access and Telehealth, our panelists guided us as we explored the

have come to know and love each week.

opportunities and challenges related to increasing digital access to physical and mental health services. Watch the recording [here](#).

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**Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Enrollment in the Suncoast**

The [ACP](#) provides a discount of \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. See the table below for ACP enrollment data. County information is updated quarterly. Find additional ACP enrollment data [here](#).

**ACP Enrollment and Claims Tracker**

Total Enrolled Households Nationally (As of March 6, 2023)	16,600,534 (↑12% ; Previously 14,796,405 on 11.7.22)
Total Households in Florida (As of March 6, 2023)	1,191,356 (↑12%; Previously 1,060,922 on 11.7.22)
Total Subscribers in Charlotte County (As of January 1, 2022)	4,708 (↑16% ; Previously 4,044 on October 1, 2022)
Total Subscribers in DeSoto County (As of January 1, 2022)	1,171 (↑20% ; Previously 973 on October 1, 2022)
Total Subscribers in Manatee County (January 1, 2023)	20,653 (↑17% ; Previously 17,620 on October 1, 2022)
Total Subscribers in Sarasota County (January 1, 2023)	8,384 (↑14% ; Previously 7,301 on October 1, 2022)
Total Subscribers in the Suncoast (As of January 1, 2023)	34,916 (↑16% ; Previously 29,938 on October 1, 2022)

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](mailto:digitalaccess@thepattersonfoundation.org) to be considered.

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