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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.

The Future of the Philanthropic Sector: Experiential Learning with The Patterson Foundation



Through a collaboration with The Patterson Foundation (TPF) and [Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy](#) (IU LFSOP), "[The Future of the Philanthropic Sector: Experiential Learning with The Patterson Foundation](#)" provides undergraduate and graduate students attending IU LFSOP a professional growth opportunity via TPF's initiatives. This semester-long course with ten students culminated with a weeklong spring Study Away experience in March at TPF in Sarasota, FL. The [Digital Access for All](#) and [Aspirations to Actions](#) teams were thrilled to work with all ten students, including Emily Crump and Jada Ford. Read their insightful blogs below and hear about their experiences.

[Digital Equity is Essential and Transformational: My Experience with](#)

The Future of the Workplace Is Characterized by Technology and Lots of It By [Kiarra Louis](#)



Digital transformation is upon us, including in the philanthropic world. All sectors are adopting and integrating digital technology in how they function administratively and engage and connect with people. At The Patterson Foundation, creating greater access to digital technology that connects people, organizations, and communities in new ways has emerged as an aspiration with broad potential for our work in philanthropy. Explore highlights from the [Technology Association of Grantmakers](#) (TAG)'s [2022 State of Philanthropy Technology survey](#) to understand the technology environment, practices, and perceptions in philanthropy.

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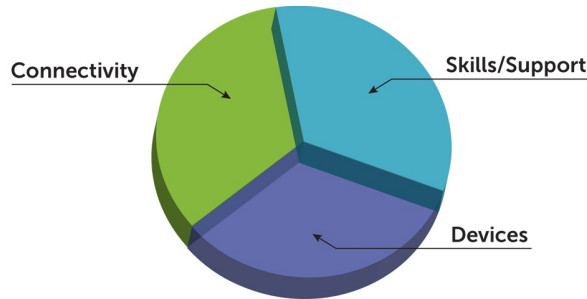
Creating Quality Jobs that

[the Digital Access For All Initiative](#) by Jada Ford

[Connecting Communities: More Than Money Philanthropy](#) by Emily Crump

ACP Can Be a Catalyzing Ingredient in Closing the Digital Divide

By [Rachel Hettinger](#)



Our world is increasingly turning to a digital arena where people must be connected to the internet to thrive. The question is, “Do people in the community have a way to sustainably reach their goals in a digital world?” After attending the [2023 Net Inclusion conference](#), Rachel has insights on the topic. Continue reading how individuals and foundations can leverage the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP) to close the gap between those in our community with quality internet access and those without.

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Promoting Equal Access to Broadband to Pursue a “100 Percent” Broadband Policy

[The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) directs the [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#) to ensure all people in the U.S. benefit from equal broadband access. One of the FCC’s strategic goals is to pursue a “100 Percent” broadband policy. As part of the FCC’s ongoing efforts to address digital discrimination, they have established a Broadband Access Experience Form where consumers can share their unique experiences and

Support Broadband Expansion By [Karen Stewart](#)



[The Digital Access for All](#) initiative has been working to connect and engage with the Charlotte, Desoto, Manatee, and Sarasota region to strengthen people, organizations, and communities while striving to enhance digital equity, a driver of economic competitiveness. Digital equity provides a catalyst allowing businesses to grow and compete and may address critical workforce needs for the future. Karen’s blog suggests that one of the most effective ways to build economic competitiveness is to ensure the creation of quality jobs that support broadband expansion, including competitive pay and benefits, and provide economic mobility for all.

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Affordable Broadband Uptake in SRQ after the ACP's First Year By [Maribel Martinez](#)

Affordable Connectivity Program
11 Million Families Connected

10 WAYS TO SPREAD THE WORD

- 01 Help Your Community Enroll
- 02 Spread the Word
- 03 Request Printed Materials
- 04 Connect with Local Institutions
- 05 Involve Your Local Government
- 06 Share ACP Info on Your Websites and Social Media
- 07 Request a Speaker for an Event
- 08 Help Connect the Unconnected
- 09 Find Local Providers
- 10 Let Everyone Know

For more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program, visit fcc.gov/ACP

The numbers are in! After the first year of the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#), we now know which counties experienced the most subscriber growth and which successfully enrolled eligible households. Continue reading to explore ACP enrollment data in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties, examine the

challenges in obtaining broadband internet access.

By sharing your broadband access stories, you can help the FCC identify barriers experienced by historically unserved and underserved communities and inform their work. Complete the form [here](#) and share the challenges you have experienced, including those due to practices, policies, and prices.

The Patterson Foundation's National Philanthropy Scan Workshop #6: Funders Breaking Digital Access Barriers in Healthcare: A New Ecosystem with a Central Address for Telehealth

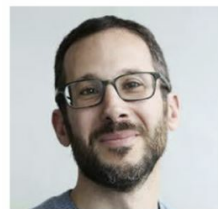
Telehealth presents great opportunity to connect populations who have historically struggled to access quality healthcare due to various factors. With Telehealth, people now have broader access to healthcare practitioners, but only if the population is digitally connected. However, for many medical concerns, being evaluated in person remains essential. Access to a healthcare provider who practices Telehealth and is near the patient can be a challenge. As we think about how Funders can help close this gap and create new realities for people faced with these Telehealth challenges, we recognize that it all comes back to creating an ecosystem that effectively connects the people to the care they need.

Our sixth Digital Access Funder Workshop will explore a model for ecosystem-level change in Telehealth across the Northwest of the U.S., highlighting the collaboration of people, communities, organizations, funders, and their larger environments, which all play a role in digital equity in communities. Through coordination with other digital inclusion organizations, information and resource sharing, networking, data collection, advocacy, and partnerships, connectivity takes shape and creates an ecosystem that reaches beyond its current limits. **Register for this funder-to-funder workshop [here](#).**

effectiveness of various outreach strategies, and learn what you can do to help support a bright digital future for the Suncoast region.

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The Patterson Foundation's National Philanthropy Scan Workshop #5: Digital Access and Data: How can funders bridging the Digital Divide use data to drive strategy and impact?



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Data is everywhere, and it's being used in diverse ways. Within the Digital Access space, data can reveal where there are unmet needs, how to analyze the challenges with which communities are faced, and can drive strategy and approach. Funders are continually thinking about how to tap into a treasure trove of data to share knowledge and catalyze collective action around community issues.

Essex County, Massachusetts, like many other regions of our country, has challenges that they are confronting in Digital Access. [The Essex County Community Foundation](#) (ECCF), in partnership with [Tech Goes Home](#) and [Tufts University](#), is working to address a myriad of Digital Access needs in the communities they serve. Data is the primary driver in helping these partners determine how to

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This May, help spread the word about mental health and participate in local and national activities encouraging people to take action to change their surroundings in favor of their well-being and how to cope with change.

Although telehealth and telemedicine reflect our society's shift to practicing healthcare in the digital world, many people lack access to digital healthcare services. They remain left behind due to various challenges, including device ownership, connectivity, digital literacy, and insurance coverage. At the individual level, digital access is important because it enhances or constrains opportunities for participation in modern society, including telemedicine.

How You Can Participate

- Attend [The TeleBehavioral Health Summit \(TeleBH Summit\): Emerging Challenges and Innovations in Virtual Care](#). This free two-day virtual conference will address the challenges and innovations in the new digital landscape brought on by the dramatic changes caused by the COVID public health emergency. **Register to attend [here](#).**
- Watch the Digital Access and Telehealth: What's working, What are the challenges, and What are the opportunities? Workshop. In March, The Patterson Foundation hosted its fourth workshop in partnership with [The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#). The workshop featured [Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer, NAMI National](#); [Michael Tipton, CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation](#); and [Veneeth Iyengar, Executive Director, ConnectLA \(Louisiana\)](#). **Watch the recording [here](#).**
- Explore 31 steps to make the world work around your mental health in May [here](#).

approach the needs. To deepen our understanding of how partners use data to drive strategy and collective action, The Patterson Foundation, in partnership with the [Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#), hosted a Funder Workshop featuring the following national and statewide leaders who work at the nexus of Digital Access and Data: Kate Machet, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Government Relations, Essex County Community Foundation; Marvin Venay, Chief Advocacy Officer, Tech Goes Home; and Evan Horowitz, Director, The Center for State Policy Analysis (cSPA), Tufts University.

Watch the recording [here](#).

Suncoast Remake Learning Days Is Coming Back!



[Suncoast Remake Learning Days](#), an exciting 10-day, free, regional learning festival, is happening from Friday, April 21, 2023, through Sunday, April 30, 2023, in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. This multi-venue open house will celebrate the joy of adults and children learning side by side. Suncoast Remake Learning Days, presented by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with support from [The Patterson Foundation](#), will consist of more than 200 events over 10 days hosted by organizations, including schools, museums, libraries, after-school organizations, early child care centers, universities, media outlets, and more. All events are free and designed to be hands-on, relevant, and engaging educational experiences for youth of all ages (PreK through high school) and their families, caregivers, and educators. Explore the event guide [here](#).

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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