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 Digital Navigator Program Announces Its Third Cohort

The Patterson Foundation’s Digital Access for All team is excited to announce that five entities will form the Digital Navigator Program’s third cohort, launching this month. After three information sessions and 1:1 interviews with candidates, the soon-to-be members of the Suncoast Digital Navigator Network are:

- **CareerSource Suncoast**, serving Manatee and Sarasota counties, with a mission to recruit, train, and retain talent for Suncoast employers.
- **Multicultural Health Institute**, serving Sarasota and Bradenton, promotes, educates, and ensures equal healthcare access and treatment for vulnerable populations who experience disparities due to health inequities.
- **Sarasota County Libraries, Sarasota County Health and Human Services**.

The Impact of Digital Inclusion on Hispanic Communities

Every year, Hispanics contribute $800 billion to the U.S. economy through their participation in the labor force and entrepreneurship. Yet, they continue to fall behind with internet, computer, and skills adoption. Our highly digital world demands digital participation, but Latinx people don’t yet have a seat at the table. Read more about the impacts of digital inclusion on the Latino community and why we should bolster their already impressive gains.

DA4A Hosts Its First National Funder to Funder Workshop Series
and Sarasota County Neighborhood Services are jointly collaborating to reach Sarasota County families.

Working with this diverse group of agencies to provide access to affordable broadband, low-cost computing devices, and free digital skills training opportunities in the context of digital navigation training is fueled with possibilities. Welcome, Cohort 3!

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Veterans Connect Event Registration

On Friday, November 4th, at the Goodwill Manasota location, The Patterson Foundation (TPF), in partnership with Goodwill Manasota and Sarasota Technology User Group (STUG), will offer onsite assistance to eligible veterans and survivors to help them enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program. The ACP program provides free or discounted internet and devices to active-duty veterans and survivors. Additionally, registered participants can receive IT support for their devices or general internet use from Sarasota County Government personnel. TPF will provide trained onsite Digital Navigators to assess eligibility requirements and enroll veterans and survivors.

If you are interested in donating laptops, desktop computers, or tablets for this event, please contact Deb Sakellarios at dsakellariostpf@gmail.com.

Time and Location: This event will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022, from

On Tuesday, October 4th, The Patterson Foundation's Digital Access for All team, in partnership with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, convened a national Funder to Funder Workshop on Discovering Pathways to Astonishing Success in Connectivity. This program resulted from a multi-month research project where Cheri Coryea and Michael Zimmerman embarked on a journey to interview over 30 funders across the country to unearth the strategies, approaches, successes, challenges, and, most importantly, to discover who else cares about Digital Access. A National Philanthropy Scan Report was produced and included fascinating findings that we are sharing widely!

The Patterson Foundation thanks the following funders and organizations for their participation in the National Philanthropy Scan on Digital Access:

Forty-four participants representing funders across the nation joined the workshop to connect, learn, and share perspectives during a moderated panel discussion on funders’ roles in
Digital equity is critical for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services. Digital equity is a key economic driver that allows businesses to grow and compete and may address workforce needs for the future. As states begin to develop a strategic plan to access federal funds for the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program, local communities and stakeholders must be at the table. Read more about how businesses, communities, states, and the Federal Government can inform the planning process.

Fruitful discussions amongst panelists and funders in the breakout session revealed the immense opportunities to invest in this space to strengthen people, organizations, and communities for a more equitable and connected world. Regardless of a funder's mission, addressing the pressing concerns of digital access touches everything we do as a society. The timing could not have been more aligned as the workshop occurred during Digital Inclusion Week around the world. You can catch highlights of the recording of the workshop [here](#).

On November 10th, 12:30pm ET, we will be hosting our next Funder to Funder Workshop on Multi-sector Collaborations in Digital Access. Joining us will be:

- [Quantum Foundation](#)
- [The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation](#)
- [Education Foundation of Palm Beach County](#)
- [Community Partners of South Florida](#)

If you are a funder, register here to join and participate in this next workshop!

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.