

**2023-24 AT1:58 PM Bridging the Digital Divide for Florida's Students  
Project Summaries**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>
Hernando	Hernando County Education Foundation	Bridging the Gap Digital Literacy Workshops	The Bridging the Gap program aims to enhance digital literacy among students and parents in Hernando County, aligning with the state mandate to create opportunities in cybersecurity and IT pathways. Activities include mini-digital citizenship seminars covering online safety, social/media moderation, media literacy, cyberbullying, digital rights, incident response, and mental health awareness. iPad tablet activities and competitive challenges further enrich the program. Project outcomes will measure the percentage of participants demonstrating increased digital literacy knowledge, engagement in students' academic success, and shifts in attitudes toward digital literacy. The workshop series, utilizing AT&T's digital resources and Hernando County's Digital Citizenship and Safety Topics, equips families and students with valuable skills and resources for the digital era.
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Education Foundation	Digital Equity Initiative	HEF's Digital Equity Initiative focuses on empowering students and families with technology knowledge and resources for academic success. This initiative provides an HP Notebook or similar device, along with device training, to 350 students and families. A Digital Navigator partnership assesses digital literacy skills, creating personalized success plans covering device use, platform navigation, online learning, and access to HEF's Digital Equity toolkit. Follow-up visits assess progress. The program, measured through surveys and data collection, aims for significant outcomes: 80% improvement in digital literacy, 85% engagement in academic success, and 85% comfort with technology after interaction with the Digital Navigator.
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation	Bringing Home the Future	The initiative strives to empower families through technology by providing Chromebooks to facilitate at-home learning for students. These devices offer access to class materials, allowing parents to actively participate in their children's education by assisting with homework and comprehending lessons through accompanying videos. The Chromebooks play a pivotal role in bridging gaps for absent students, enabling them to catch up on missed work. Specifically designed for second graders, the program integrates engaging educational apps and provides access to a diverse range of books, expanding their reading opportunities. The initiative fosters seamless communication between teachers and parents, addressing concerns promptly. By incorporating technology into homes, the program aims to alleviate stress during homework, offering resources such as videos, textbooks, and interactive apps for enriched learning experiences.
Palm Beach	Education Foundation of Palm Beach County	Connecting Kids in the Community Through Digital Inclusion	The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County's Digital Inclusion Program addresses the digital gap affecting underserved families, hindering educational and economic success. The program takes a comprehensive approach by introducing high-speed WiFi in previously deprived areas, supplying WiFi extenders to households, and conducting in-home training for each family member. This initiative significantly and sustainably impacts children, positioning them for academic success, while parents gain newfound engagement in their children's education. Beyond education, the program enhances access to opportunities like language skills improvement and job prospects, fostering a positive economic outlook. The overarching objective is to uplift these families from poverty through comprehensive digital inclusion strategies.
Pinellas	Pinellas Education Foundation	Digital Equity in Pinellas Schools	This initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by empowering underserved families with essential tools—like one-on-one coaching support—for success. Through targeted outreach, the program engages families where they are, facilitates connections to resources, and ensures ongoing support. In the 2023-24 school year, the project will conduct a minimum of five community workshops, benefit at least 300 individuals, and demonstrate positive digital literacy outcomes among served families. The program aligns with a commitment to inclusivity, equipping disadvantaged communities with the digital skills necessary for academic and overall success in Pinellas County Schools.
St. Lucie	St. Lucie County Education Foundation	Digital Literacy on the M.O.V.E.	The Digital Literacy on the M.O.V.E. project (Mobile Online Video Education) is designed to enhance digital literacy for families and students. It offers workshops focused on foundational literacy skills, digital literacy awareness, and computer skill development. Targeting identified schools, the initiative tailors parent/family workshops to teach foundational literacy, digital literacy, and computer skills. Workshops are pre-identified based on students' literacy needs and parents' engagement in academic measures. The goal is to increase parental engagement in disenfranchised families, enhancing student achievement. Workshops cover literacy skills, access to reading materials, digital literacy, and using technology to connect with schools. The comprehensive approach aligns with the project's mission to bridge the digital divide and empower families through digital literacy.