



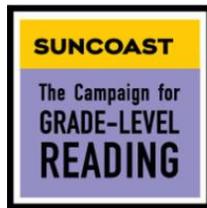
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3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

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Suncoast Honored With 2022 All-America City Award and GLR Pacesetter Award

The Suncoast was recognized as an All-America City Awards winner for its commitment to cross-sector collaboration; meaningful partnerships with public housing agencies and affordable-housing organizations; data-based solutions; and equity, including racial equity.

SCGLR also won a Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Pacesetter Award for addressing the Summer and COVID learning slides through community collaboration by empowering parents and fostering summer learning engagement through [#THISBOOKISCOOL!](#)

“We are happy to designate the Suncoast Region as an All-America City,” said [Doug Linkhart](#), president of the National Civic League. *“They showed, even in the face of a global pandemic, that they can bring people together to help kids and families thrive.”*

“The Suncoast Region is meeting families where they are through a

24/7/365/multi-generational set of systems, supports, and services,” said [Ralph Smith](#), managing director of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. “In doing so, the community is working to disrupt generational poverty for young learners and their families.”

“These awards are a testament to our community’s cross-sector collaboration and its innovative work to strengthen children and families throughout our four-county region,” said [Beth Duda](#), director of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for The Patterson Foundation.

“Engaging families, educators, businesses, nonprofits, and the government gives rise to assets and partnerships that continue to create long-term impact. We are honored to be recognized alongside the inspiring communities nationwide that share our commitment to creating these brighter outcomes.”

Learn more about [the Suncoast region’s award-winning efforts](#) and its [GLR Pacesetter Award](#).



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There is a misconception that telehealth and teletherapy services were born out of the pandemic with a need for doctor's appointments to be remote as our country, our world, shut down. However, many healthcare institutions, including Cigna, Spectrum Health, and the American Telemedicine Association, have been identifying and addressing the need for these services way before COVID entered our lives.

Telehealth is the provision of healthcare remotely through telecommunications technology. Teletherapy is when people receive therapy for mental health issues digitally, usually by videoconferencing.

[The Patterson Foundation's Digital Access for All \(DA4A\) initiative](#) has identified the need for equitable access to these services, especially considering many people do not have the means to afford healthcare or a device and internet to access healthcare digitally.

The DA4A team has begun a large-scale project to research and address the issue of access disparities in the telehealth and teletherapy realms. This project aims to identify and connect trusted technology-based medical resources and education services to individuals and families at free or low-cost rates. Please consider advancing the initiative and this exploration by clicking the link to complete the survey below.

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