



# I LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR FOSTER YOUTH

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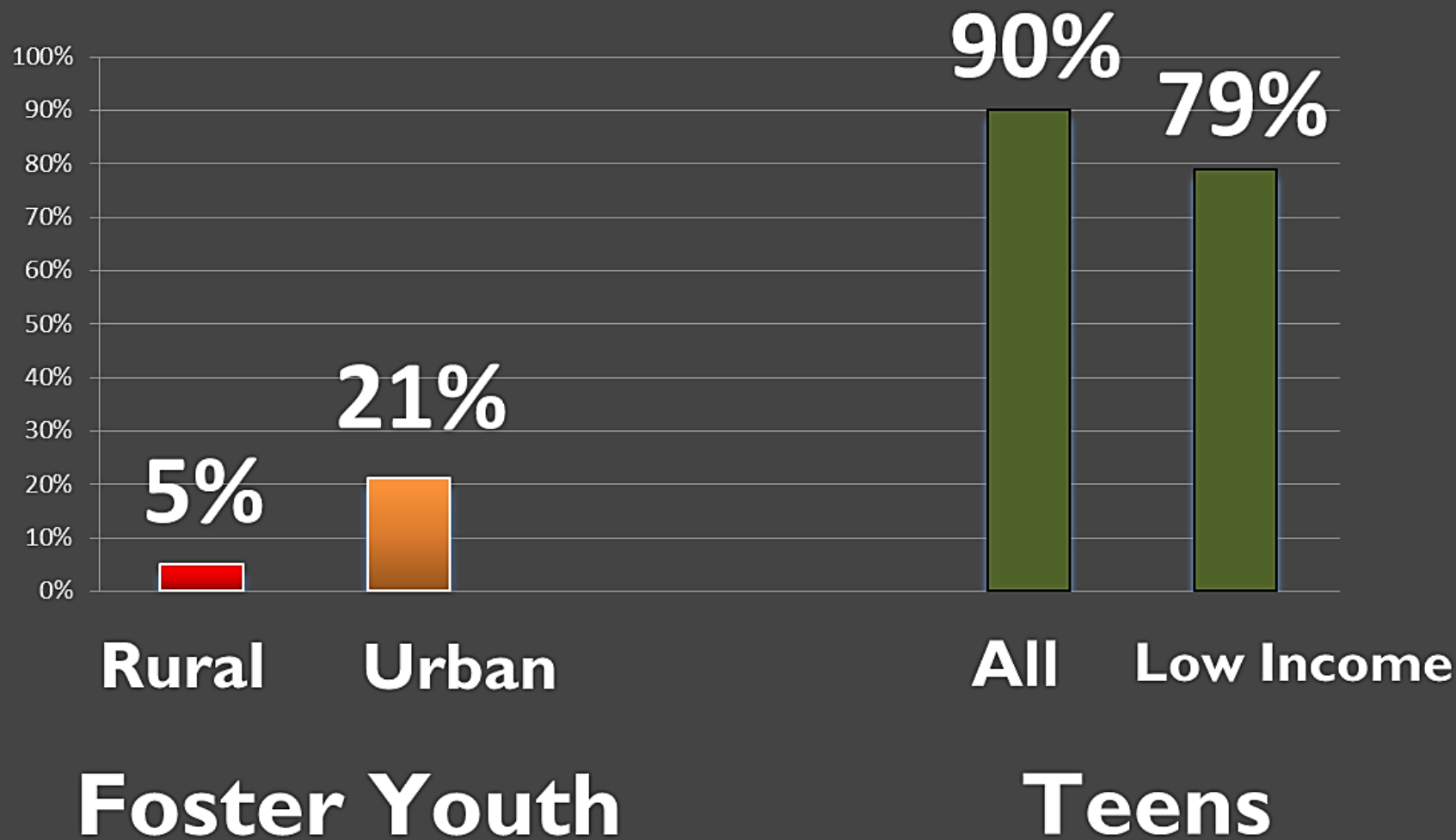


# COMPUTERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR TODAY'S YOUTH

- Reduces anxiety, communication and control with adults
- Increases access and efficiency with resources
- Valuable resource in school, college & work
- Increases participation in community
- Every youth, no matter their career path, needs a fundamental level of technological competence
- More than 50% of today's jobs require some degree of technology skills; will increase to 77% in next decade

# YOUTH ACCESS TO COMPUTERS

American foster youth rank in the bottom third of all countries in access to computers.



# PROGRAM CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS

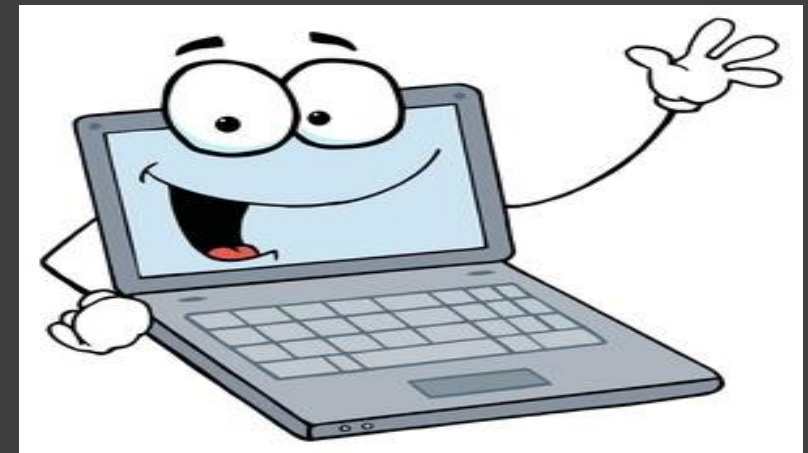
- **Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)**- 35 member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties; comprised of a member of each county's Board of Supervisors. Mendocino County Board Representative: Supervisor Carre Brown.
- **National Homebuyers Fund, Inc. (NHF)**- a non-profit public benefit corporation established to stimulate and expand homeownership opportunities nationwide.
- **iFoster**- headquartered in Truckee, CA is a national non-profit with over 40,000 members across all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico. Mission is to ensure that every child growing up outside of their biological home has the resources and opportunities they need to become successful, independent adults.

# LAPTOPS DESIGNED BY MICROSOFT & INTEL

- **Microsoft Windows & Office** – lifetime license with fast processor & video graphics
- **11 Hour Battery Life** – laptop will last on battery power all day in school
- **Semi-Rugged Design** – light-weight design with shock-proof flash, more durable to bumps & occasional drops
- **Internet Ready** – Wi-Fi enabled, Bluetooth enabled & HDMI ready
- **Live tech support** available & iFoster will conduct check ins within first 90 days
- **Access to TAY Assistant & Digital Locker**

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Age 16-21 with an open foster care case with either Family & Children's Services or Juvenile Probation
- Cannot have another laptop
- Must have social worker/probation officer approval (& caregiver approval for minors)
- Must complete 1 laptop agreement
- Not all youth will be eligible for laptop for various reasons (court orders, safety issues, incarcerated, etc.)



# MENDOCINO COUNTY



- Will receive up to 42 laptops based on County staff verification of eligibility.
- Distribution event with iFoster representatives will occur during the Independent Living Skills class at The Arbor Youth Resource Center on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Mendocino County eligible youth who are unable to attend due to work or school or who live out of the area will receive a laptop individually from their social worker/probation officer.

**Questions?**

**Thank you to Supervisor Brown, RCRC,  
NHF & iFoster!**