

These are our kids.

They are 80 Santa Clara County teenagers entering their freshman year of high school.

- 53% Latino
- 15% White
- 13% Black
- 10% Asian/PI
- 9% Mixed
- 52% female



And if we don't do anything to help them:

- Only 52% will graduate high school
- Only 3% will graduate college
- 25% will be homeless by age 20
- 25% will be incarcerated by the age of 24
- 24% will have no earnings between ages 18 and 20
- At the age of 24, average earnings will be \$690 per month
- 33% of these females will be pregnant by age 18.

Would you tolerate these outcomes for youth you were raising? Indirectly, you are.

They are all in foster care. Our community has the legal and moral responsibility to raise these young people, our community's most untapped resources. Resources that are resilient, loyal and seasoned problem solvers

Youth do not go into foster care because they are bad kids. They enter foster care because bad things have happened to them.

30,000 young people aging out of the system each year without the support and connections they need to succeed.



HackFosterCare.org

The mission of [hackfostercare.org](http://hackfostercare.org) is to promote the use of technology to improve the lives of foster youth and families in the child welfare system. We unify tech leaders, child welfare agencies, foster youth, families and other key stakeholders to collectively apply their expertise to develop innovative, effective, user-centric solutions.

Access to Technology for Foster Youth

- **One Laptop commitment**
- Laptops and phone access to 100% of foster teens (current level is 20%)
- Improve grades and self-esteem

Technology & Systems Reform

- **Foster Family Recruiting** - Widen the funnel with 40,000 new optimal families
- Family approval and onboarding - make it customer centric
- Matching technology using data to maximize success
- **Housing inventory and matching technology to combat homelessness**

Education and Employment Opportunities

- **N=ALL:**
- High school completion and post-secondary opportunities for 100%
- STEM training, internships, tutoring, mentoring and scholarships

SILICON VALLEY FOSTER CARE SUMMIT



February 27/28 2017 @ Microsoft in Mountain View

Event Supporters: Santa Clara Department of Family and Children's Services \* Adobe \* Box \* Intel \* Symantec \* Salesforce \* Walter S. Johnson Foundation \* Pritzker Foster Care Initiative \* Silicon Valley Children's Fund \* TeenForce \* iFoster \* Think of Us \* Westly Foundation





## SILICON VALLEY FOSTER CARE SUMMIT

### HOW CAN YOUR COMPANY OR EMPLOYEES ENGAGE?

- Be creative: How can your skills or technology be utilized to improve the Child Welfare System? (Data analysis, machine learning, artificial intelligence, disruptive solutions to housing or transportation, professional or personal networking tools, matching technology).
- Supply engineers, program managers or design thinking teams to existing Hack Projects.
- Support the One Laptop program with equipment or financial donations (10,000 devices needed for CA over three years). Better yet, get creative about how we can make this systematic and sustainable. We need ideas!
- Sponsor the Hack Foster Care Summit February 27-28, 2017.
- Promote employee volunteerism around STEM training, mentoring and advocacy for foster youth.
- Hire foster youth as Interns from high school through college. We prepare, train and match them.
- Sponsor a “Tech Fellow” inside a Social Services Agency through Foster America.
- Support Internet and Smart Phone Access for foster youth.
- Offer job shadow or site visit events for foster youth. We can select, prepare and deliver the youth.

**Visit and Share This Link to Our Engagement Toolkit**

**[www.hackfostercare.org/SVLG-engage](http://www.hackfostercare.org/SVLG-engage)**

#### Three Critical Focus Areas

Access to Technology  
Technology & Systems Reform  
Education and Employment Opportunities

