



Health and Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2018 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Ortiz PHONE: (559) 624-8487

SUBJECT: Receive a presentation on 1 Laptop Program for Foster Youth.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive a presentation on the distribution of laptops to Tulare County foster youth through the 1 Laptop Program for Foster Youth.

SUMMARY:

On January 29, 2018 the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and National Homebuyers Fund, Inc. (NHF) announced a joint contribution of \$400,000 to provide laptop computers to all eligible transition-age foster youth aged 16-21 within RCRC's 35 member counties, which includes Tulare County. Research has shown a significant increase in school attendance, improvement in grades, increased life satisfaction, improved connections to support networks and employment opportunities, increased college enrollment, and decreases in suicide and depression rates when young people in care have access to a computer.

The 1 Laptop Program for Foster Youth is administered by iFoster, a national non-profit serving the child welfare community. iFoster's mission is to ensure that every child growing up outside to their biological home has the resources and opportunities they need to become successful, independent adults. iFoster provides a web-based resource portal for children and youth in foster care and those aging out. Resources range from free eye glasses, discounted braces, to tutoring and

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college and career preparation. Over 43,000 members access the portal from across all 50 states.

Through this one-time contribution to iFoster, more than 1,100 eligible foster youth and former foster youth in care will receive laptops within 35 rural counties in California. These laptops come equipped with new Microsoft productivity software and access to the iFoster transitional age youth assistant for resources and a personalized digital locker. iFoster received the grant and purchased the laptops. Tulare County Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Services (CWS) assisted in the distribution of the laptops to Tulare County foster youth. On July 14, 2018, 133 foster youth in Tulare County attended training on internet safety at the College of the Sequoias. Following the training a new laptop was dispersed to each foster youth through this program.

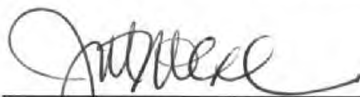
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The laptops were purchased by iFoster through a competitive grant they were awarded. iFoster shipped the laptops to Tulare County to distribute to 133 foster youth. There was no charge to Tulare County for this resource and there is no cost to the County general fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. The iFoster program and laptop distribution to transitional age foster youth enhances the provision of quality supportive services by providing resources and opportunities they need to become successful, independent adults.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Juliet Webb
Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Presentation

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVE A
PRESENTATION ON THE 1 LAPTOP
PROGRAM FOR FOSTER YOUTH

)
) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____

LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR FOSTER YOUTH
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

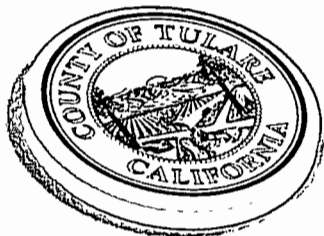
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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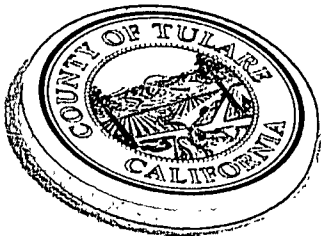
1 Laptop Program for Foster Youth



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**iFoster:
Give a youth in foster care a computer...
it opens up the world**

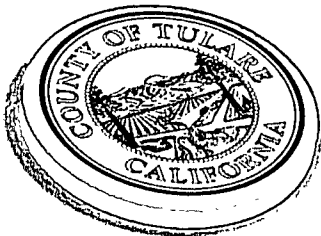
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Rural County Representatives of California Funded the 1 Laptop Program for Foster Youth

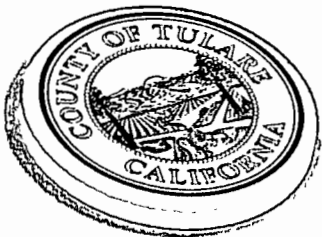
- Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the National Home Buyers Fund funded 1,100 laptops statewide
- Laptops were divided among the 35 rural counties and are being distributed this year.
- iFoster worked with Child Welfare Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Tulare County to provide 133 laptops to Tulare County eligible youth.



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Eligibility Requirements

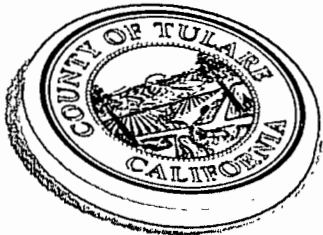
1. Age 16 to 21 with an open Child Welfare Services case
2. Cannot have another laptop
3. Must get social worker approval (and caregiver approval for minors)
4. Must complete 1 laptop agreement



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Laptop Distribution Event

- July 14th (Saturday) at College of the Sequoias
- The District Attorney's office hosted two - 45min trainings on Cyber Safety and Etiquette
- iFoster provided a 15 min presentation to review the Conditions of receiving the laptops.
- Following the training sessions the laptops were distributed to the youth

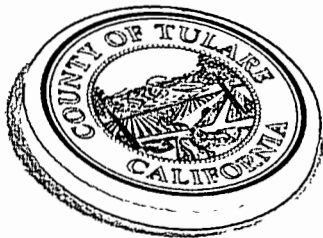


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Foster Youth Received:

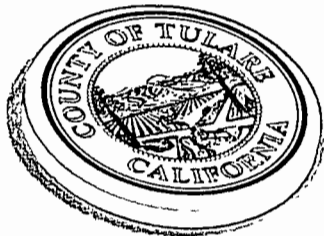
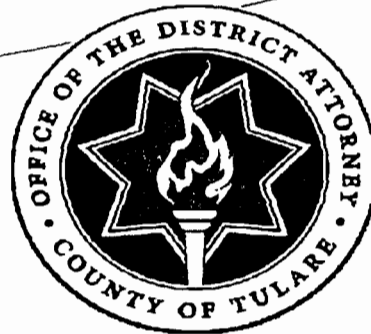
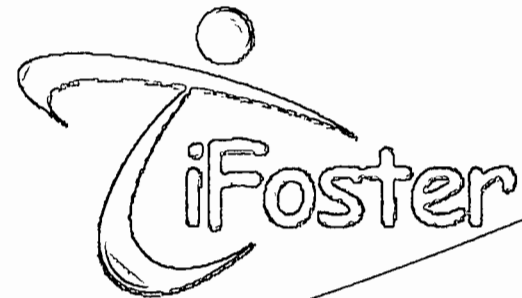
Laptop designed by Microsoft and Intel
for our Youth Students!

- **Microsoft Windows and Office** – lifetime license with fast processor and 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 making it more durable to bumps and occasional drops
- **Internet Ready** – wifi enabled, bluetooth enabled, and HDMI ready
- Live-tech support available and iFoster will conduct check ins within first 90 days



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Together we are stronger



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