

# Loaves, Fishes & Computers, Inc.

## Computers for Families - Together & Connected: An LFC Chromebook Project



### *Workshop Overview ([pictures of past workshops](#))*

LFC will bring 3.5-hour workshops that provide an engaging “taste” of technology to both computer-skills-challenged parents or grandparents and their computer literate children or grandchildren, concurrently, in order to “demystify” the concept of computers by introducing digital literacy to the adults, and a computer hardware/teardown/refurbishing experience to both adults and children together. The family will bring home a Chromebook they refurbish that day, for free. The adults and children will engage in a gamified team-building activity and learn how to connect to WiFi, open a browser, perform various Google searches, visit Salinas Public Library’s Rosetta Stone language learning portal, Monterey County Free Library’s live Homework help portal, among others. Learning will be fun, with small prizes given away at various intervals. LFC will encourage adults to continue their education after the workshop by promoting self-enrollment into already-existing no-cost digital literacy educational opportunities to extend the knowledge beyond the workshop, provided by us or one of our other partners.

Goal 1: To help overcome the digital divide by providing Chromebooks and digital literacy opportunities to low-income families.

Goal 2: To strengthen the bond between parent and child by offering these workshops in a supportive, collaborative learning environment, in Spanish and/or English.

Goal 3: To encourage the child to become a mentor to his or her parent: in these workshops, and in their home.

Goal 4: To support their community by preparing Chromebooks for other low-income families to receive.

Goal 5: To inform adults of safety-precautions to be aware of now that they will have a device that can now get online in their home, accessible by their children.

### ***Program Specifics:***

- Hours 1 & 2 (Duration: 1:45 hrs/min): (12) Children & (12) adults Together: Intro to hardware workshop.
  - Welcome & what's the plan for the day.
  - Hardware experience. Take apart Laptops or Desktops and explain what each part does (how it relates to our own anatomy).
  - Refurbish (~1) Chromebook/person: For the community that LFC serves and the family can take home at no cost to them.
  - Snack/Refreshment/Bathroom Break.
- Hour 2.5 (Duration: 0:30 hrs:min):
  - (12+) Children
    - Separate children and take outside for a take-apart/put back together desktop computer challenge
  - (12) adults
    - Inform the adults of Internet/Computer safety precautions, now that there will be a new computer in the home.
- Hour 3 (Duration: 1:00 hrs:min): (12) Children & (12) adults Together: Intro to Digital Literacy - The Power & importance of Computers
  - Explain the power of what a computer can do in a person's life. All the cool and helpful things a computer can bring into a home. How important it is to know for the benefit of their children
  - 40 minutes: Adults and children will engage in a team-building activity and learn how to connect to WiFi, open a browser, perform various Google searches, visit Salinas Public Library’s Rosetta Stone language learning portal, Monterey County Free Library’s live Homework help portal, their children’s school’s Imagine Learning and Imagine Math Portal. Learning will be fun, with small prizes given away and various intervals.
  - Reflection and final remarks. Pass out Survey/Receipts/Agreements, & collect.
  
  - *TOTAL TIME = ~3:30 hours:minutes*

**Average class size is 24 people (children and adults). We realize this ratio might change. [Held in English or Spanish.]**