# Technology & Our Children's Future

Youth Code Jam

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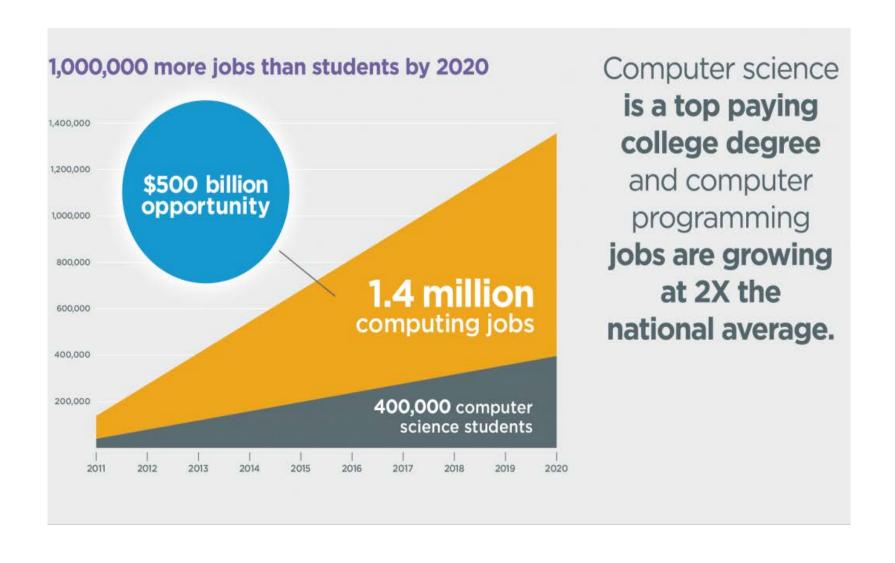
## What's the Concern?

- We don't have enough!
  - Economy at Risk
  - National Security at Risk
  - Opportunity Lost





# Opportunity



# Imbalance in Reaching Out

# Boys receive **more encouragement** than girls from...

#### **Teachers**

1.5x

as likely to be told by teachers they would be good at CS

#### **Parents**

1.7x

as likely to be told by parents they would be good at CS

### Media

nearly

2x

as likely to often see someone like them doing CS in the media



#### less

aware of ways to learn CS on the Internet and in the community



#### more

likely to have learned CS and to learn on their own



## What Else?

- Multilingual Skills:
  - Do you speak Ubuntu?
    - snap install mir-kiosk --channel=beta
- Understanding Technology
  - Not the same as using technology
  - Children teach their parents
- The window closes
  - Digital "Natives"
- Creativity more satisfying that Consuming
- Problem-Solving/Analytical & Critical Thinking
  - "Computational Thinking"

# So...Where do you turn?

- Start as early as you can!
  - iPads, smartphones becoming ubiquitous
    - Use them or they will use your kids!
    - code.org
- I'm excited about....

Think globally, but ACT locally!

## Youth Code Jam

- Building Excitement
- Building Confidence
- Building The Future



# A Solution to Help

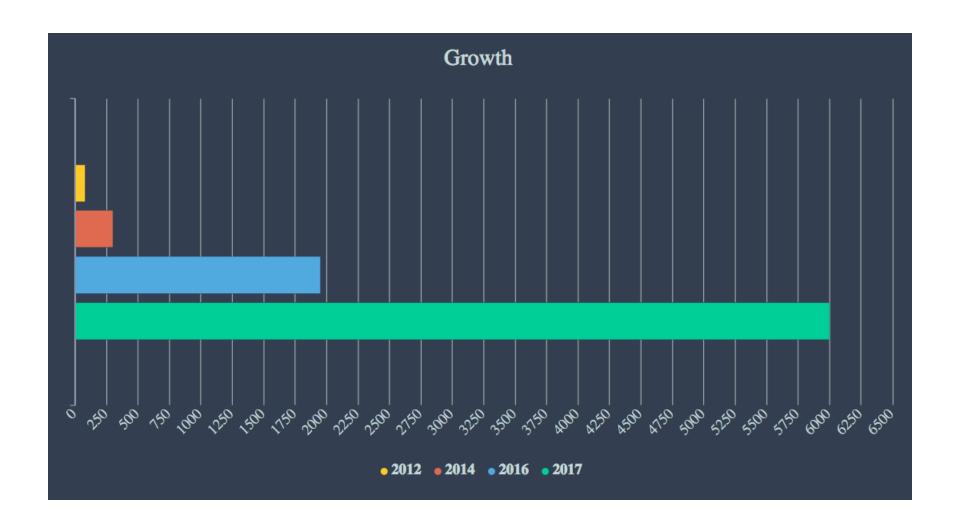
A holistic program of <u>connected growth</u> <u>opportunities</u> for all young people to <u>learn</u> <u>with computer programming</u> with the support of their parents and real-life programmers that <u>connects the dots</u> from all that fun to real world jobs.



# Programs

- Jams
- Camps
- #Imagine Yourself
- Teacher PD
- Advocacy

# **Community Response**



# Measured Impact

82%

gain a greater interest in learning to code after attending and know next steps to take to keep learning

# How are we scaling?



...and Parents help bind it all together!

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