### Curriculum Design & Development

#### • Youth-Led

- Curriculum design was created by youth as the building blocks to ensure relevant topics to young people in the coming years
- Main Curriculum Topics
  - Environmental Justice
  - History of TCC in SW Fresno
  - Wellness in Advocacy
  - Leadership Fundamentals



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### Providing additional resources to the table for Youth

#### • Creatively bridging the digital divide

- Tapping into pre-existing funding streams to provide tablets/laptops for youth
- Reallocating Funds for Youth Stipends
  - YLI rapid response fund, meeting the needs of youth in the middle of a pandemic



# Quality over Quantity: Programming for the Pandemic

- Recruitment
  - Youth program design team: 5 young people
- Connection
  - The work centers on faceo-face connections, relationship-building evolved working virtually
  - Ensuring safety throughout the past year
- Retention
  - Taking care of youth at the table and their ideas during a pandemic
  - Services provided to youth who had needs were met which established a deeper connection with staff and the program



## Cohort Recruitment & Building Connections

- Building 12 person team of youth from project area
- Innovative recruitment strategies
  - Youth-to-youth recruitment
- Building Relationships for Curriculum delivery
  - Ie. Local experts, community members,
    California State Department of Parks

