



Build your Network with the NGCP Program Directory: An Online Tool for Collaboration

Program Directory

The National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) addresses the growing need for more women and girls in the United States to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). While there are many efforts underway to promote STEM education, the NGCP focuses on providing girl-serving organizations with a collaborative framework and tools to strengthen their efforts and maximize impact. Individuals or organizations with common goals can improve their abilities to achieve critical outcomes for girls in STEM through collaboration. Collaborators can increase awareness of their resources and expertise, share exemplary practices, and reduce isolation. Through collaboration, key resources and expertise can be leveraged to maximize the impact on women and girls.

The NGCP Program Directory is a powerful online collaboration tool. This database of youth-serving programs allows users to share resources and learn from others who are working towards the goal of inspiring more women and girls to pursue STEM careers. The directory includes valuable information such as contact information, program descriptions, populations served, and service delivery format. One unique feature of the Program Directory is that users can choose from a comprehensive list to specify resources available and resources needed, making it possible to connect with others to leverage existing resources. **Grow your collaborative network by connecting with over 3000 active programs serving more than 7.8 million girls and 4.5 million boys listed in the Program Directory.**

Getting Started

1. Visit the NGCP website at: <http://www.ngcproject.org>.
2. Log-in to the NGCP website or create a username and password.
3. Register your program in the directory by choosing the **Submit button** in the left-hand navigation menu.
4. Enter your program information in the fields provided. **The more information you enter, the more other members of the network can learn about your program.** You may want to consult with others in your organization to create the most meaningful profile, which will foster collaboration and resource-sharing.



“The large amount of programs and collaborators in the directory has provided the most impact for my programs. Being able to easily find program ideas, collaborators, mini-grant funding, and resources to plan events has been a blessing.”

— NGCP Annual Survey Respondent

Building Your Collaborative Network

1. View programs in the Program Directory by clicking on the **Find a program** tab in the left-hand navigation menu.
2. Search with a variety of fields by clicking **Advanced Search**.

Each new entry in the directory can open a door to collaboration and increase the capacity of individuals and organizations to inspire more girls to explore exciting careers in the STEM fields.

The most common benefits of being in the NGCP Program Directory, as indicated by NGCP survey respondents, are opportunities for networking and collaboration, increased exposure for their program, and access to mini-grant funding. Respondents noted other advantages such as an increased awareness of other programs, finding a collaborative partner, and being contacted by other programs interested in their work, resources, or collaborative opportunities. Respondents also mentioned the value of being part of a larger, well-known project. As one respondent stated, "We consider ourselves part of a national movement to engage more girls in science education and careers. Being in the Program Directory identifies us as being part of the community committed to this movement."

Building a Network Through Collaboration



Girl Scout Council

Wants to host STEM program for girls but their facilities are booked and they are looking for exciting hands-on activities.

NEED: Facility, exciting hands-on activities, role models to deliver activities

RESOURCE: Access to girls



Science Museum

Looking for ways to attract more Latino, African American, and American Indian visitors.

NEED: Access to girls, particularly under-represented girls

RESOURCE: Facility, exciting hands-on activities

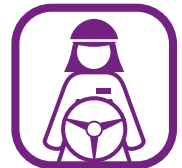


University

A college chapter female engineering students wants to get involved in bringing more girls into the profession.

NEED: Access to girls, exciting hands-on activities

RESOURCE: Role models to inspire girls



Girls Inc.

An afterschool program for middle school girls needs ideas for how to offer motivating and engaging STEM experiences.

NEED: Exciting hands-on activities, role models

RESOURCE: Transportation to the event

During NanoDays (week-long celebration of nanotechnology), the science museum hosted a STEM Expo and lunch with role models and engineering students for an audience of 100 Latina mothers and daughters from local Girl Scout troops and Girls Inc. members. Activities from SciGirls and NISE Network (nanotech) engaged girls in hands-on activities, introduced girls and their mothers to local STEM role models, and informed mothers about the educational pipeline for STEM opportunities for their daughters.

