



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. Collaboration between individuals or organizations who share common goals can improve their abilities to achieve important goals by increasing awareness of available resources and expertise, providing a space to share exemplary practices and reducing isolation through support and communication. Through collaboration, key resources and expertise can be leveraged to maximize their potential impact on women and girls.

The NGCP Program Directory is a powerful online collaboration tool. This database of youth-serving organizations and 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, population served, and service delivery. 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 5.6 million girls listed in the Program Directory.**

Join the NGCP network and start connecting with people who want to boost STEM education for girls.

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.



“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

4. Enter your program information in the fields provided. Remember, the more information you enter, the more other members of the network can learn about your program. This will foster collaboration and sharing of resources. You may want to talk to others within your organization to help create the most meaningful profile.

Building Your Collaborative Network

1. You can view a complete list of programs in the Program Directory by clicking on the **Program Directory** tab in the upper navigation menu.
2. Search for programs with a variety of fields by clicking **Advanced Search**.

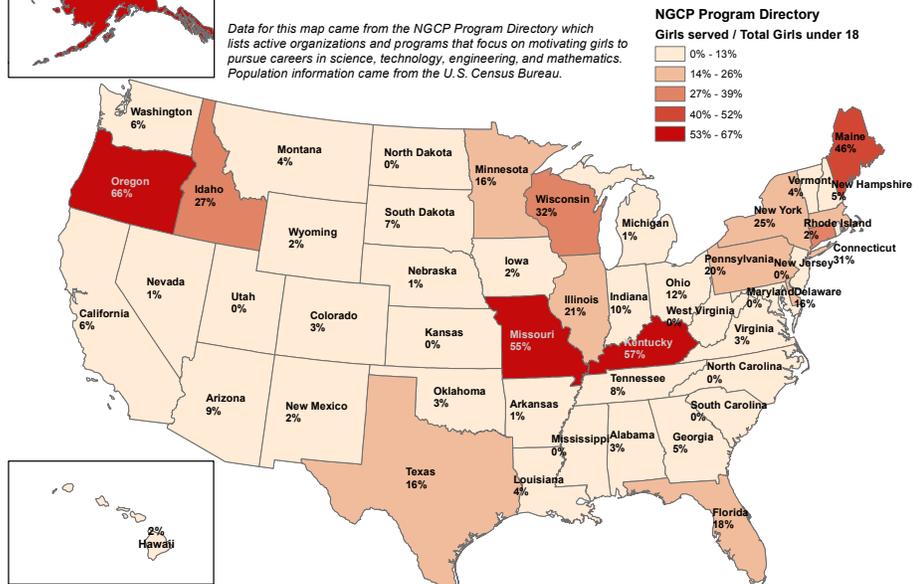
Each new entry in the directory can open a door to collaboration and increase the

capacity of individuals and organizations to inspire more girls to explore exciting careers in the STEM fields. This map shows the tremendous reach of current programs in the Program Directory. The NGCP Program Directory has listings from all 50 states.

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."



Percentage of Girls Served by STEM Programs



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