The National Girls Collaborative Project is a large network of individuals, programs, and organizations sharing resources and collaborating to better engage girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Increasing Collaboration

Events:
- 8,000+ have attended across the U.S.
  For networking and sharing resources

Mini-Grants:
- 18,000+ girls have benefited from mini-grant projects
  Facilitating collaboration among girl-serving STEM organizations

The Connectory: THE CONNECTORY
For searching 4,300+ STEM programs to find partners to collaborate with
www.theconnectory.org

Why Collaborate?
High levels of collaboration among educators and programs engaging girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) increases the efficiency and effectiveness and overall capacity of programs and therefore increases opportunities and improves experiences for girls in STEM.

Increased Collaboration Benefits Girl-Serving STEM Programs
- Helped girls increase their confidence in STEM
- Increased girls’ interest in STEM
- Helped my program be more effective
- Helped us better serve girls

82% 78% 77% 77%
Source: NGCP 2015 Annual Survey

“The NCGP was a great asset in helping us connect with new partners and helping us develop stronger collaborations.”

— NGCP Participant

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Meeting or learning about new people or organizations is the most likely factor to increase levels of collaboration.

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Effective mini-grants leverage the resources and expertise of the partnering programs to provide more high-quality opportunities for girls to be engaged in STEM. More than 90% of mini-grant recipients report that collaboration helped them better serve girls in their program.

Who is attending NGCP in-person events?

Professional Organization 4%
Business/Industry 6%
Government Representative/Researcher/Evaluator 4%
Informal Education/Community-Based or Non-profit Organization 32%
Higher Education 23%
K-12 23%
Other 9%

The most common uses of The Connectory (formerly NGCP Program Directory) are to find resources or ideas from other programs and locate nearby programs.

- NGCP participants connect with an average of 26 people through NGCP.

- 70% of NGCP event attendees followed-up with somebody they met at the event.

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Mini-grants have long-term impact.

74% continue their mini-grant activities
85% continue to work with mini-grant partners