# THE CONNECTORY

## www.theconnectory.org

Erin Hogeboom
National Girls Collaborative

## Connecting youth to STEM learning opportunities to explore, discover, and create

## What Is The Connectory?

This free, comprehensive portal for STEAM offerings connects families to STEAM providers. Making these connections is crucial to ensure that today's youth can obtain the skills needed for 21st-century jobs.

All 50 states are represented. The Connectory has grown to more than 5,000 providers, listing 10,000+ youth opportunities – girls coding clubs, robotics competitions, maker workshops, STEM festivals, science summer camps, and more.

## Free STEAM Finder for Families

- **See nearby K-12 STEAM opportunities** – summer and afterschool camps, clubs, competitions, fairs/festivals, and more.
- **View full page of details about each opportunity** and who's offering it, including a map and contact information.
- **Narrow listings with advanced search options** – keyword, location, distance, area of interest, age, and start or end date.
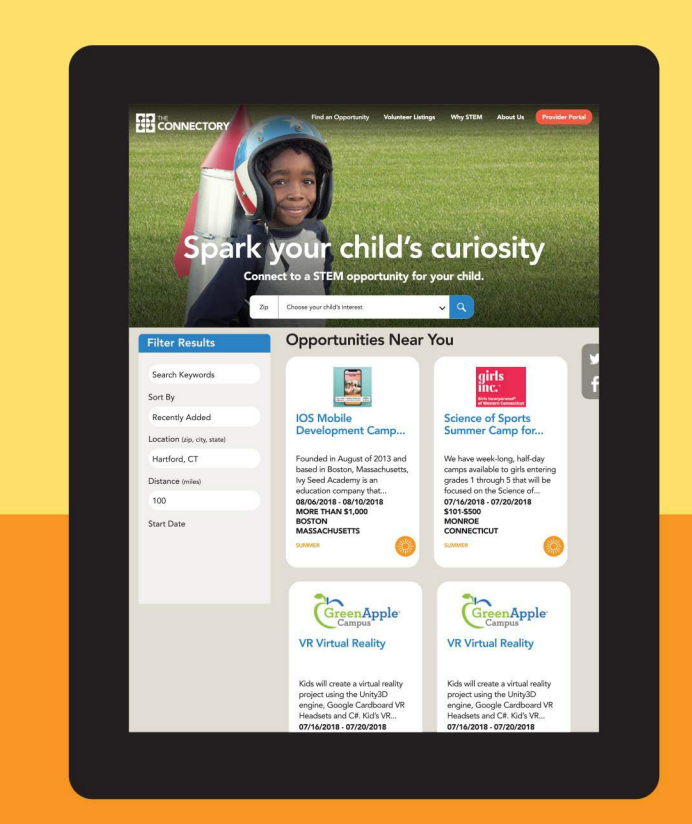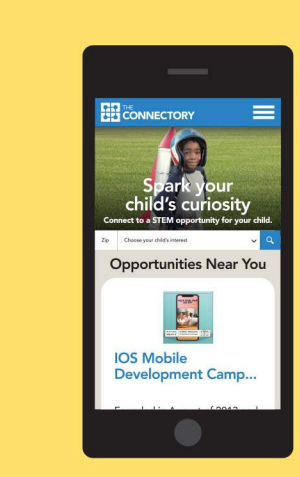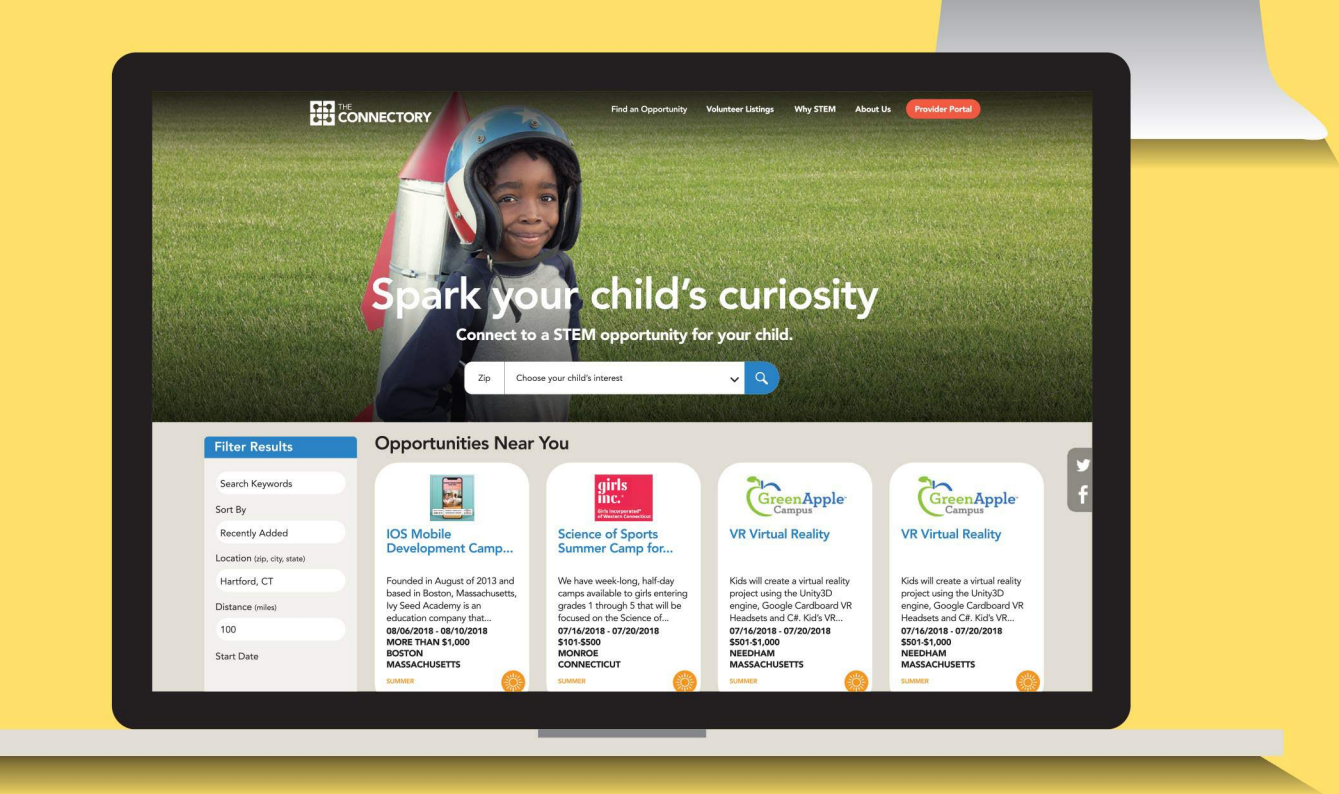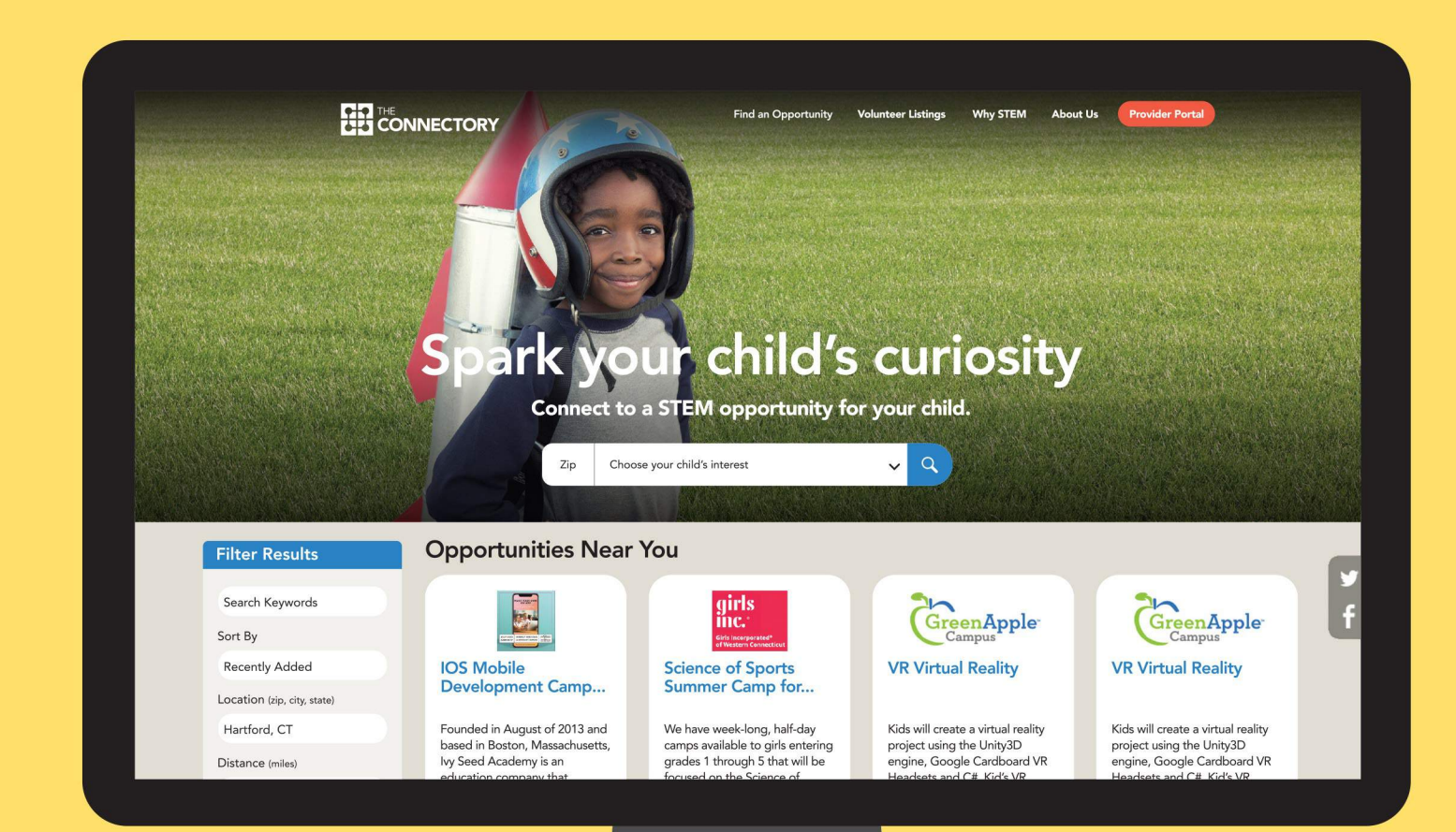
## Free Collaboration Tool for STEAM Providers

- **Create an account** for access to Partner Search, viewable to registered providers.
- **Search for collaborators** by interests, resources needed or available, affiliation, keyword, and location.
- **Add your provider page**, showcasing your mission, collaboration interests, and resources needed/available to display in Partner Search.
- **List K-12 opportunities** for families such as camps, workshops, competitions, and other time-bound STEAM events.
- **Link your Connectory and VolunteerMatch accounts** to recruit volunteers to grow your nonprofit STEAM organization.

## Bring The Connectory to Your Site

- **Free Widget** – Add dynamic K-12 opportunity listings to your site with an embeddable widget. There are three available sizes and you can customize it by location, area of interest, and type of opportunity.
- **The Connectory Exchange** – We offer a turnkey system of technology, functionality, and support to grow your own custom directory of local STEAM learning opportunities that is powered by The Connectory. Our API can work with a wide range of platforms. Current users include North Carolina, Colorado, and Australia.

## Who Is Behind The Connectory?

Time Warner Cable created The Connectory as part of the Connect a Million Minds™ initiative. In 2015, the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) took over management of The Connectory and the Coalition for Science Afterschool directory, merging it with the NGCP Program Directory. Our collaborators are the Association of Science Technology Centers, Afterschool Alliance, Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Educational Research Center of America, Google, National AfterSchool Association, STEM Funders Network, and VolunteerMatch.

Afterschool Alliance · ASTC · AfterSchool · VolunteerMatch · Google · BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND