

Creating a Teen Science Café Movement | AWARD # 2424451

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Project Description

Teen Science Cafes (TSC) are free, out-of-school programs where teens, adult leaders, and STEM experts collaborate on hands-on activities and presentations that explore STEM topics with broader teen audiences.

The Teen Science Café Network (TSCN) aims to provide research-based professional development for informal educators using the TSC model and to build a diverse, nationwide community that demonstrates the value of TSC programming.

Key Achievements

The Teen Science Café Network supports more than 100 youth-led STEM programs nationwide, advancing equitable, teen-centered practices in informal STEM education. The Network currently serves youth across 36 states, the District of Columbia, and the territory of Puerto Rico. Through this project, we continue to evaluate and refine a training and mentoring model for adult TSC leaders, with the goal of establishing a proven, scalable approach that increases the number of sustainable, long-lasting programs across the country.

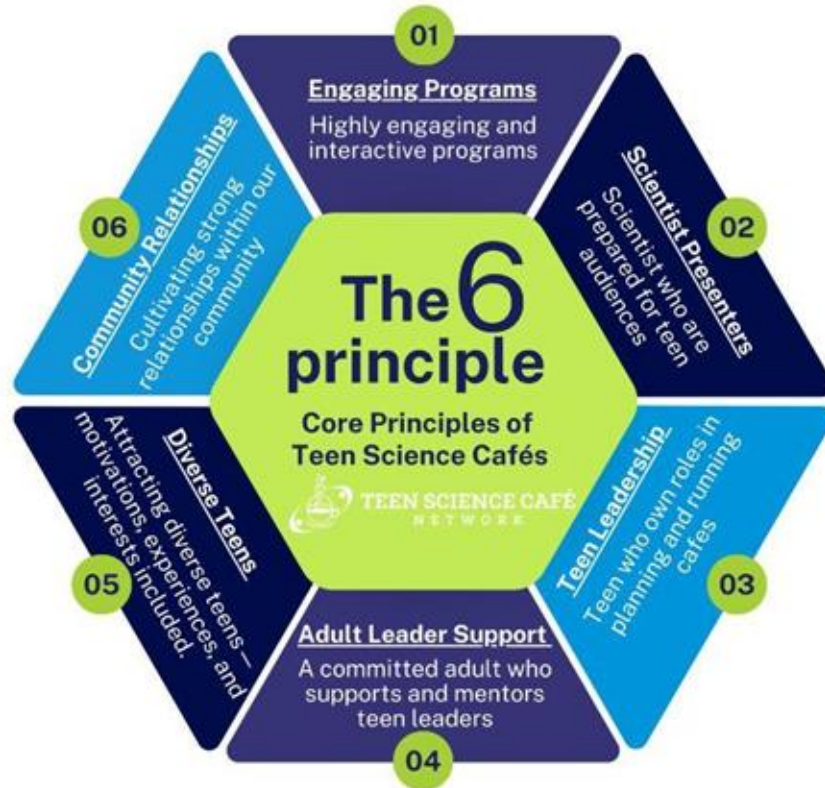


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Focusing on teens in STEM is important because adolescence is a critical period when identity, confidence, and career interests are forming. Providing meaningful, youth-centered STEM experiences during this stage increases persistence, builds agency, and expands equitable pathways into STEM fields.



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