New Partnerships

March 2020 COVID-19 shutdown created an urgent need for new solutions and catalyzed unprecedented levels of collaboration and powerfully impactful relationships. Partners Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC), INTERalliance, and the Hamilton County Educational Services Center (HCESC) combined expertise and resources to create Family STEM Kits. Generous funders made the program possible.

Family STEM Kits

HCESC created Family STEM Cards - based activity guides for families and packaged them with many of the low-cost resources needed to complete the activities. Greater Cincinnati’s Family STEM Kits program launched when the HCESC distributed 800 of these kits to families picking up food at schools and other community locations.

What’s Next?

Back to School Family STEM Kits!
- Because at-home STEM learning resources are still urgently needed, partners are producing 1) “Back to School” Family STEM Kits and 2) how-guides and training support for educators using the kits with their students and families.
- GCSC is inviting educators and other partners to join the Family STEM Kits program (link to flyer).
- Want to support this program? GCSC is seeking donors and kit-assembly volunteers so that we can serve as many students, families, and educators as possible. Contact gcscstemed@gmail.com if you can help!

Family STEM Cards

To serve families at home and educators teaching remotely, GCSC published its Family STEM Cards through social media and in downloadable, printable form from mid-March through early July. The cards were used broadly across the U.S. and in other English- and Spanish-speaking parts of the world.

3,200 Kits Distributed

By July, partners distributed 3,200 Family STEM Kits! CRC provided kit assembly space and distributed 700 kits. NKU CINSAM (Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics) funded and distributed 600 kits. In addition to funding and distributing kits, staff at Brighton Center and Families FORWARD coached families to use them. Educators at Fairfield City Schools created a “Family STEM Kits Club.”