

Empowering girls across California to shape a better world

The Million Girls Moonshot is an exciting new afterschool initiative designed to close the science and engineering gender gap by engaging one million girls across the country in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities by 2025.



MILLION GIRLS MOONSHOT

This is Afterschool



Million Girls Moonshot in California

California AfterSchool Network (CAN) is proud to lead the Million Girls Moonshot initiative in our state. In partnership with California's out-of-school-time programs, we will:

- deliver STEM learning experiences designed to help girls gain confidence, develop an **engineering mindset**, and build skills that employers demand.
- create opportunities for more girls to interact with mentors who are reflective of them and will help spark interest in STEM and STEM careers.
- increase access to immersive STEM learning for all young people, particularly youth of color and youth living in underserved communities.
- ensure afterschool educators have the resources and mentors they need to deliver hands-on STEM learning experiences.

What is an engineering mindset?



An engineering mindset refers to the values, attitudes and thinking skills associated with engineering. [The 10 practices](#) for this mindset allow young people to:

- ✓ Develop teamwork skills
- ✓ Apply math and science to problem solving
- ✓ Envision creative solutions and learn from failure
- ✓ Identify as engineers



Did you know?

82% Percentage of California children who are engaging in STEM learning in their afterschool program

86% Percent of parents who, when selecting an afterschool program, believe STEM and computer science learning opportunities are important

Join the Million Girls Moonshot

Together we can help young people develop into the problem solvers our country needs to thrive.

California AfterSchool Network is excited to be part of the Million Girls Moonshot, which is led nationally by the [STEM Next Opportunity Fund](#) with inaugural partners Intel Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Contact us today!

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