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STEM JOY

Supported by STEM Next and in partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Southeast Service Cooperative, and STEM Forward; the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem brought the revolutionary training STEM JOY to educators, youth professionals and employers across the Southeast region.

What is STEM JOY? STEM JOY pairs together resources and minds from the Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center (KAYSC) and the IDEAL Center for transformative professional development, social justice and collective liberation, and workforce innovation.

Participants received IDEAL Center tailored professional development, entry to the Race Exhibit Experience at the Science Museum of Minnesota, KAYSC STEM Justice support, employer workforce innovation, and Million Girls Moonshot curriculum and resource kits. Following the initial training, participants receive two one-on-one coaching sessions with the Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center's STEM Justice team. The training ran for three days, concluding on February 20th. Each participant was awarded a \$200.00 stipend for attending.

In the initial survey, 75% of participants wanted to do additional training and professional development work with the Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center Science Museum around the STEM Justice framework.

With the success of the first training, the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem will be exploring hosting additional trainings.

More information on STEM Justice can be found at the [Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center](#).

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