



Workforce Development at GMCC

**"We just
discovered a
whole new
world!"**
- LYSL Summer
camp participant



GMCC (founded as Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches) is a 118-year old organization that collaborates with communities across Minnesota to further justice in the areas of food, youth, and wellbeing.

LakeStreet Youth Labs

**STEAM: Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts, Math**

LakeStreet Youth Labs (LSYL) is our year-round STEAM training and career preparation program for BIPOC youth grades 1-12.

- Provides curriculum and skill development in STEAM topics
- Offers 1:1 career assistance (resume-building, portfolio development, mock interviews)
- Hosts BIPOC professionals from places like NASA, The U of M Chemistry Department, and MN Department of Transportation to mentor students about career opportunities
- Provides training and employment opportunities
- Supports youth with SEL (social emotional learning) and conflict resolution skill building

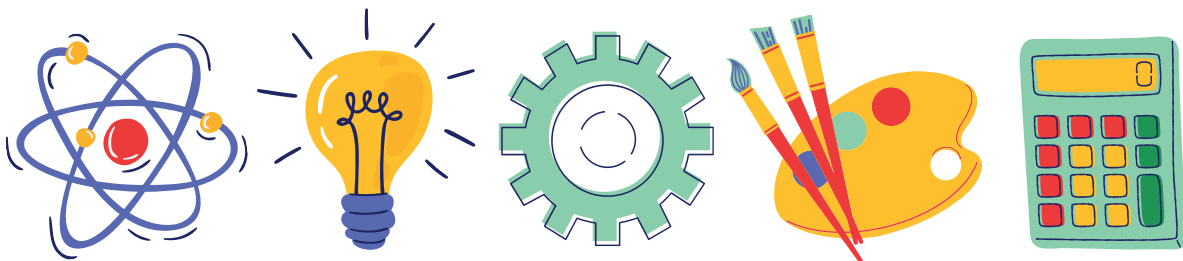




STEAM Focused

Youth of color are significantly underrepresented in the tech industry, partly because they lack exposure to skill building opportunities. According to the National Science Foundation, White people make up **67%** of the STEAM workforce, while Black people only represent **9%** and Indigenous people represent **less than 1%**.

LSYL aims to spark interest in STEAM topics and expose youth to STEAM career opportunities, thus creating a talent pipeline to STEAM industries for youth from disinvested communities.



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • ART • MATH



“ **GMCC has exposed my kids to activities they wouldn't have experienced otherwise.** ”
- Anisa, LSYL parent

In 2024, we are increasing opportunities for youth leadership, including paid positions such as **Digital Navigators** and **Apprentice Guides** for our summer camp, and a **Youth Council** to guide our program development.





School Year Programming

Weekday Programs

LSYL offers after school enrichment activities twice per week, including courses in digital and media arts, homework help, brain games, and movement activities.



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STEAM Saturdays

On Saturdays, we provide hands on STEAM projects for elementary students and career exploration and courses in coding, robotics, and digital literacy & navigation for teens.



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We have **71 students** currently registered for our **Spring 2024 offerings!**



Holiday Camps

During school breaks, GMCC offers childcare and full days of learning, creativity, and fun. This includes hands-on STEAM projects, games, movies, a photobooth, and an open maker space.



"I'm a scientist now!"
- Elementary LSYL participant



LSYL Summer Camp

Our no-cost LSYL Summer Camp for grades 1-8 runs for five weeks, Monday through Friday, 9 AM-5 PM in the month of August.

In Summer 2023, 58 students participated in our summer camp, engaging in 200 hours of learning.

- Breakfast, lunch, and snack daily
- Take-home groceries for families to support proper nutrition
- Field trips every Friday
- Daily outdoor activity at local parks
- Swimming twice a week
- STEAM activities with visiting partners
- Arts & mindfulness activities like yoga, African drumming, photography, and mural-making



Field trips & partners:



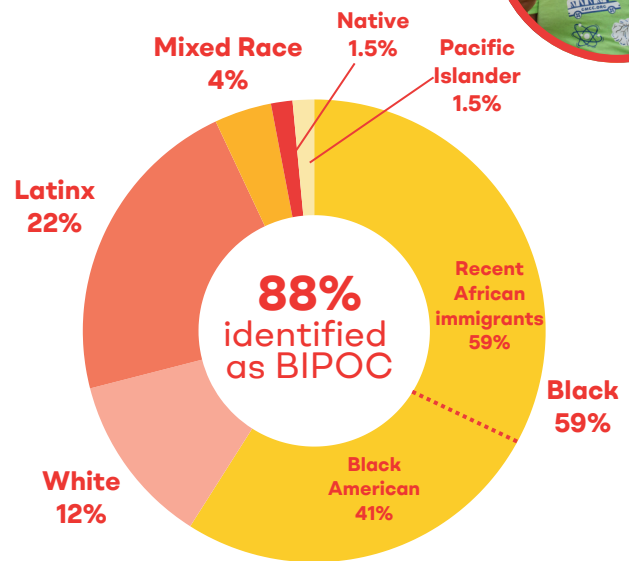
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