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## Carnegie Science Center developing STEM guide



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With the variety of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs around the city, it's difficult for parents to navigate their options.

"There is programming out there, but parents don't know where to turn to find it," [Alana Kulesa](#), director of strategic education initiatives at the **Carnegie Science Center**, told the crowd at the 2013 Pittsburgh STEM Summit on Thursday.

So this fall the Carnegie Science Center will be giving parents their own STEM roadmap.

STEMisphere will be an online central hub of STEM resources for students in pre-K through 12th grade. It will act almost as a one-stop-shop for all things STEM, including events and competitions, after school and ongoing programming, and internships. It will be launched in the next few weeks.

"With STEMisphere, we are looking to bring this information together and address the gap we are seeing," Kulesa said.

The initial focus of the project will be to link and leverage programming opportunities in the 10-county region of southwestern Pennsylvania more efficiently.

The Carnegie Science Center has been working on developing the site and collecting the necessary information in partnership with other regional and statewide STEM initiatives for the past year.

The project has the potential to expand in the future to include further data and additional target audiences, including students, educators, businesses, government officials, and other STEM professionals as well as post-secondary educational opportunities.

"We are working very hard to make sure this is a robust directory," Kulesa said.

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