An alliance that unifies partners to increase the graduation rate and prepare young people for future opportunities.

In 2006, despite slight increases over the years, Philadelphia’s high school graduation rate was among the lowest in the nation at 52 percent. Project U-Turn was launched to address Philadelphia’s dropout crisis by raising awareness, implementing specific solutions, monitoring accountability and evaluating impact.

Today, this citywide collaborative effort is led by a steering committee with cross-sector system leaders who advance the collaborative’s agenda. In addition, the alliance includes action teams that execute the plan, and top level officials that align system-level goals with citywide priorities.

Philadelphia Youth Network staff provides convening, evaluation and management support for the collaborative, ensuring that partners’ efforts are maximized to accomplish shared goals.