

Data For Impact Project Descriptions

Boston, Massachusetts

Applicant Organization Name: Boston Private Industry Council

OY Collaborative Name: Boston Opportunity Youth Collaborative

Project Summary: The Boston Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC), a convening of the Boston Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Boston Opportunity Agenda, will engage its largest institutional partners, Boston Public Schools (BPS) and Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC), in a data capacity and analysis project with the goal of reducing the high school and postsecondary disconnection rates of specific subpopulations of the city's Opportunity Youth population. The project has the following goals:

- Re-engage 400+ chronically absent BPS students: This funding will increase BPS' ability to track chronically absent students at traditional and alternative high schools and target interventions to those students to improve attendance.
- Improve the transfer process for the 1,900 students who transfer high schools each year: This funding will allow BPS to better track the enrollment, attendance and retention of students who transfer within the district, as these students are especially at risk of becoming disconnected.
- Increase retention rates for young males of color in the city's largest community college by 1%: This funding will allow BHCC to track the impact of its interventions around racial equity, which are designed to create a more welcoming environment for Black and Latino students.

In addition to the youth-level outcomes, the OYC hopes to:

- Improve its capacity to collect and analyze data in order to identify and promote more effective solutions.
- Increase its ability to share cross-sector learnings of student experiences in both secondary and postsecondary systems.

Seattle/South King County, Washington

Applicant Organization Name: Community Center for Education Results

OY Collaborative Name: The Road Map Project

Project Summary: Supporting the development of data-driven continuous improvement capacity within reengagement programs in order to improve student outcomes and close gaps is now a major focus of our opportunity youth work at CCER. Over 2,000 opportunity youth are now enrolled in an expanded supply of programs in the King County Reengagement Provider Network. A strong focus on quality improvement is critical in order to meet ambitious targets we have set for the reengagement system and the region, including:

- 50% of young people who reengage with high school achieve a secondary credential within two years, and
- 60% of reengaged high schoolers enroll in postsecondary

This project will build on experimentation over the past several years, and will support two cohorts of programs in a two-year professional development process that involves reflecting on data, centering youth voice, and testing specific program changes aimed at driving improved outcomes.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Applicant Organization Name: Philadelphia Youth Network

OY Collaborative Name: Project U-Turn

Project Summary: The Philadelphia Youth Network, Inc. (PYN), on behalf of Project U-Turn, will work with partners to expand its data tracking and reporting capacity to accelerate citywide efforts to reduce Philadelphia's community disconnection rate by 20% (approximately 6762 youth) over the next four years. Over four years, PYN and partners will:

- Establish and build out the data tracking, analysis, and reporting capacities needed to better understand participant-level and program-level data and outcomes, building upon the citywide data collected through Equity Counts and related citywide efforts (Generation Work, Fueling Philadelphia's Talent Engine) as well as enhanced coding efforts piloted this summer
- Use citywide and disaggregated data to document youth needs, barriers, and the interventions that are most effective at improving youth outcomes;
- Develop continuous improvement mechanisms that support programs serving OY and youth at high risk of disconnection to incorporate the most effective interventions, thereby increasing youth re-engagement;
- Make the case for additional funding to implement these interventions on a citywide level; and
- Report on progress annually and at the end of the grant period