

Engagement. Voice. Success.



ALLIANCE OVERVIEW

The mission of Minnesota Alliance With Youth is “to ignite the spark in all young people to become actively engaged, develop strong voices, and acquire the skills needed for success in school, work, and life.”

Founded in 1997, the Alliance is a leading convener, collaborator and capacity builder for youth development. The Alliance works alongside young people, and in collaboration with schools and communities, to achieve our vision that all young people in Minnesota are highly connected to their communities, have hope for a brighter future, and are able to fulfill their dreams. Three core values of **equity**, **quality**, and **collaboration** drive the Alliance’s

work. The Alliance serves as a backbone intermediary, impacting individuals and systems, and creating life-changing outcomes using the following strategies:



Innovation Through Collaboration

The Alliance specializes in creative approaches to multi-sector work, bringing new perspectives to community needs. Alliance AmeriCorps Promise Fellows serve in schools and communities to provide data-driven, research-based intervention to 6th-10th graders who are at risk of not completing high school. Alliance AmeriCorps VISTAs build capacity for organizations and communities to address education inequities, and leverage and connect to resources that already exist in those communities and statewide.



Youth Engagement

Across its programs and initiatives, the Alliances fosters youth leadership in schools and communities. The Minnesota Youth Council is a diverse network of thirty-



six 8th–12th graders and adult partners from each congressional district. Its members build awareness by collaboratively identifying and addressing youth issues, making philanthropic investments in the community, identifying educational opportunities alongside the Minnesota Department of Education, and influencing statewide legislation through the Minnesota Youth Council Committee at the State Capitol.

Collective Impact

The Alliance helps communities statewide develop a framework of common goals, shared agendas, collective measures and unified messages.



GradMinnesota represents a collaborative effort of the multi-partisan GradNation campaign led by America's Promise Alliance, an innovative initiative that aims to end the nation's dropout crisis by the end of this decade. Our vision is that all young people in Minnesota will graduate from high school prepared for success in postsecondary opportunities, work, civic engagement, and life.



 The gains we see today are something to celebrate, but one student who does not graduate from high school is one student too many. We must continue investing in our schools, pursuing meaningful reform and eliminating barriers to graduation so every child succeeds in career and college.”

- Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner

The work of the Alliance is based on the “**Five Promises;**” fundamental resources proven to ensure that youth succeed. When at least four of these promises are present in a young person's life, they are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and civically.



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