



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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January 18, 2023



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Incentive

Agenda

- Welcome
- New Team Member
- Ascend Partner Employment Opportunities & Events
- Ascend Review
- Leadership Team
- Resident and Community Advisory Group
- Community & Family Engagement
- Family Navigation System Building
- Data & Evaluation
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks

New Team Members



Asiah Stewart

Ascend Program Coordinator



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Employment Opportunities

CTData, State Data Center Coordinator

[Join Our Team — CTData](#)

Swift Building Operator, Full Time

[Full Time Building Operator at Community Solutions \(breezy.hr\)](#)

Swift Building Operator, Part Time

[Part Time Building Operator at Community Solutions \(breezy.hr\)](#)

Community Solutions, Hub Manager

[Hub Manager, Northeast Neighborhood Partnership at Community Solutions \(breezy.hr\)](#)

Community Events



VACCINE CLINIC

2 LOCATIONS

JANUARY 19TH, 2023

136 FARMINGTON AVE HARTFORD, CT 10A-11:30A

&

10 CAMPFIELD AVE HARTFORD, CT 12:30-2PM

COVID-19 VACCINES, BOOSTERS & FLU

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

NO APPOINTMENT IS NEEDED.

VACCINES FOR AGES 5+

FOR MORE INFO CALL 860-757-4700 OPTION 3





COMMUNITY DIALOGUE INITIATIVE



SAFETY & JUSTICE FOR ALL

- Engage in dialogue with other Greater Hartford residents
- Develop action ideas and plan for implementation
- Provide direction to policymakers
- Dialogues held in person in Hartford
- Participants will receive a \$50 stipend

Help create a vision for Public Safety, Justice, and Policing in the Greater Hartford Region!

JANUARY 21, 2023
10 AM - 4 PM

Chrysalis Center
255 Homestead Ave, Hartford, CT 06112
(rain/snow date: January 28)



scan with your phone's camera

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

www.surveymonkey.com/r/inpersonreg

Questions? Contact
tfraylon@everyday-democracy.org
(860) 727-5911



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MULTI-DAY DIALOGUE

MON 1/30 + WEDS 2/1 + FRI 2/3
5:30-7:30 PM

Register for Zoom link



scan with your phone's camera

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

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ONE STATE ONE FILM

A CONVERSATION ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 25, 2023
7PM - 8:15 PM (EST)

REGISTRATION

CTCollaborativeinfo.org



THE CONNECTICUT
COLLABORATIVE

ON
POVERTY, CRIMINAL
JUSTICE & RACE

PANELISTS



DR. AMBER KELLY

Associate Professor of
Social Work,
Quinnipiac University



**SENATOR GARY
WINFIELD**

State Senator
Representing New Haven
and West Haven



TROY WILLIAMS

Founder of San
Quentin's Restorative
Justice Roundtable
and Restorative Media



NICHOLAS DAWIDOFF

Best-Selling Author,
Berlin Prize Fellow of
the American Academy

MODERATOR



MERLE MCGEE

President and CEO,
Everyday Democracy

Before the event, please watch
"THE PRISON WITHIN"

and join us for a thought
provoking conversation with our
insightful panel

BLACK GIRLS ACHIEVE PRESENTS

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Awareness Workshop

**SAT. JAN 28TH
11AM - 1PM
CT NONPROFIT CENTER
75 CHARTER OAK AVE.**

This workshop is for caregivers and community leaders.

This workshop will cover:

- State & Local Legislation
- CT Statistics & Response
- Red Flags/Identifying Victims
- Impact on Victims
- Traffickers/Buyers

Guest Speaker

Christopher Bidorini

Social Worker, Department of Children & Families



Registration is required.



Register here:
tinyurl.com/bgajan28



Vision Board Party

**SAT. JAN. 28TH | 11AM-1PM
75 CHARTER OAK AVE., HARTFORD
(CT NONPROFIT CENTER)**



**THIS EVENT IS FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.**

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED.
USE THE QR CODE OR
REGISTER HERE:
[TINYURL.COM/BGAJAN28](https://tinyurl.com/bgajan28)**



F.A.C.E.S COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Topics to be Covered:

- Parts of the Culture Climate Survey
- Chronic absenteeism
- PTO/SGC
- Networking
- Resources

Food, Spanish translation, and childcare will be provided!

F.A.C.E.S is a new parent group, led by parents! We are hoping to increase parent engagement to hear more voices to enhance students' experiences!

February 2, 2023
S.A.N.D. Elementary School
5:00-6:30pm

Register here:



Join Us!!

For the questions and/or concerns please contact Viviana Alvarado
860-695-8719
alvav001@hartfordschools.org

CONVERSACIÓN COMUNITARIA F.A.C.E.S

Temas a cubrir:

- Partes de la Encuesta de Clima Cultural
- Absentismo crónico
- Redes PTO/SGC
- Recursos

¡Se proporcionará comida, traducción al español y cuidado de niños!

¡F.A.C.E.S es un nuevo grupo de padres, dirigido por padres! ¡Esperamos aumentar la participación de los padres para escuchar más voces y mejorar las experiencias de los estudiantes!

2 de febrero de 2023
Escuela elemental SAND
5:00-6:30 p. m.

Registrarse aquí:



¡Únete a nosotros!

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Calling All Problem Solvers
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Design a strategy to raise awareness about indoor air quality.

Register [HERE](#) or email hartford@moveupward.city to book your spot.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE HACKATHON

Sat, Feb 11 2023, 6:00 PM to Sun, Feb 12 2023, 6:00 PM

UPWARD HARTFORD

20 Church Street Hartford, CT 06103



Clean air is essential to health. Yet nearly half of Americans are still breathing unhealthy air.

Communities of color and low-income communities are 1.5 times more likely to live in an area with poor air quality and suffer the effects including a range of serious health problems.

Upward Hartford, in partnership with the City of Hartford Department of Health & Human Services, is calling thinkers of all kinds to join a **free** 24-hour hackathon on **Saturday, February 11 - Sunday, February 12.**

We are bringing together passionate members of the community (like you!) to develop strategies and solutions on how to raise awareness about the importance of indoor air quality in homes, schools and public transportation.

Teams will compete for their spot in the final three and a **cash prize of \$1,000** each. In addition, winning ideas will be rolled out and piloted in Hartford.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

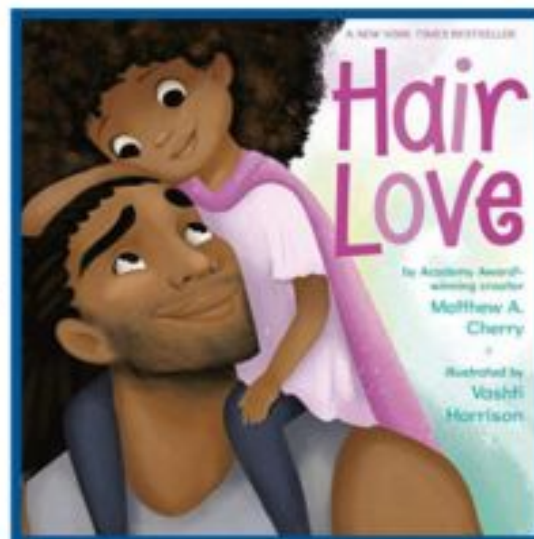
Join us as we celebrate reading and diversity on
Read Across America Day
on March 2, 2023!

GET INVOLVED:

Join United Way and our partners for *Read Across America Day*. Volunteers will read aloud to a classroom of students.

WHY THIS PROGRAM MATTERS:

Read Across America Day is one way that United Way, along with our partners, highlights the importance of building early literacy and language skills for every child, so that all children read proficiently by the start of fourth grade.



CLICK HERE
to register

Contact Phil Blonski at pblonski@unitedwayinc.org or 860.493.1132.



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YOUNG LEGENDS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY



**Complete the survey and
receive a \$50 gift card!**

"Change will not be about US without US."

**Survey Requirements:
Hartford Resident
16-29 years old**

Please be sure to include your e-mail address
to receive your gift card.
Questions? Contact us at
younglegends019@gamil.com

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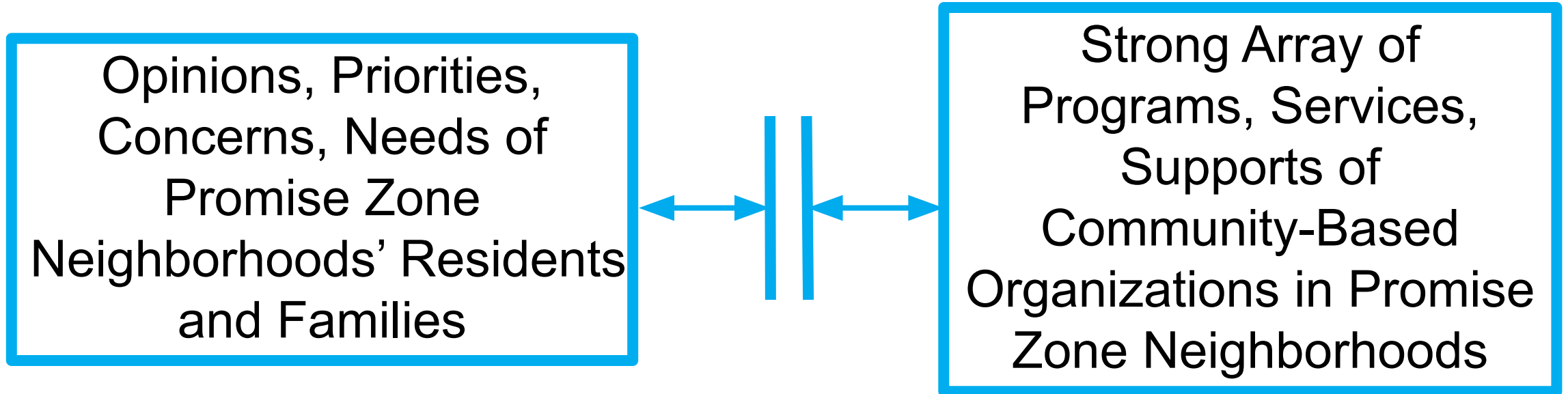
Why are we here?

To collaboratively build an integrated and coordinated pipeline of services and supports that helps children and families reach their full potential.

Current State



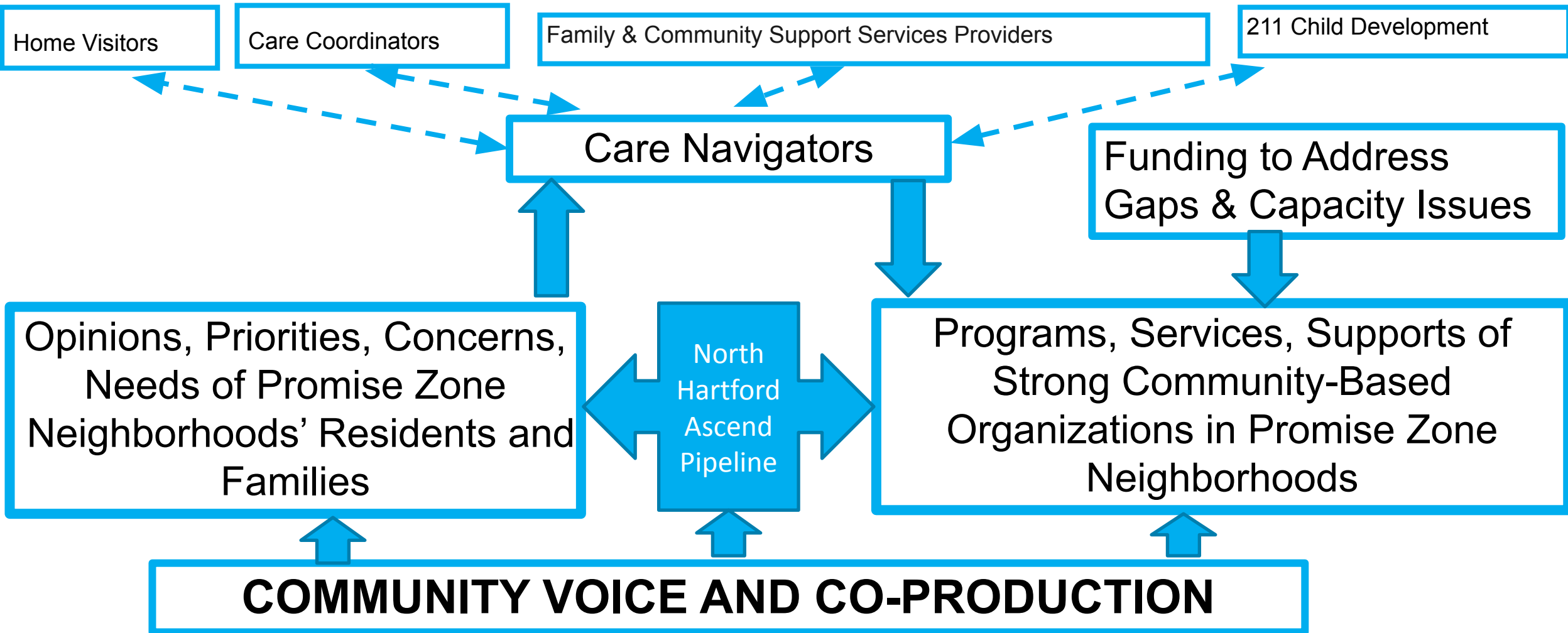
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Ideal State-Ascend System Building



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U.S. DOE Promise Neighborhood Program Results

Students. . . .

Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.

Are proficient in Math and English Language Arts.

Successfully transition from middle to high school.

Graduate from high school.

Obtain post-secondary degrees, certifications, or credentials.

Are supported by families and communities in their learning.

Are healthy.

Feel safe at school and in the community.

Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21st century learning tools.

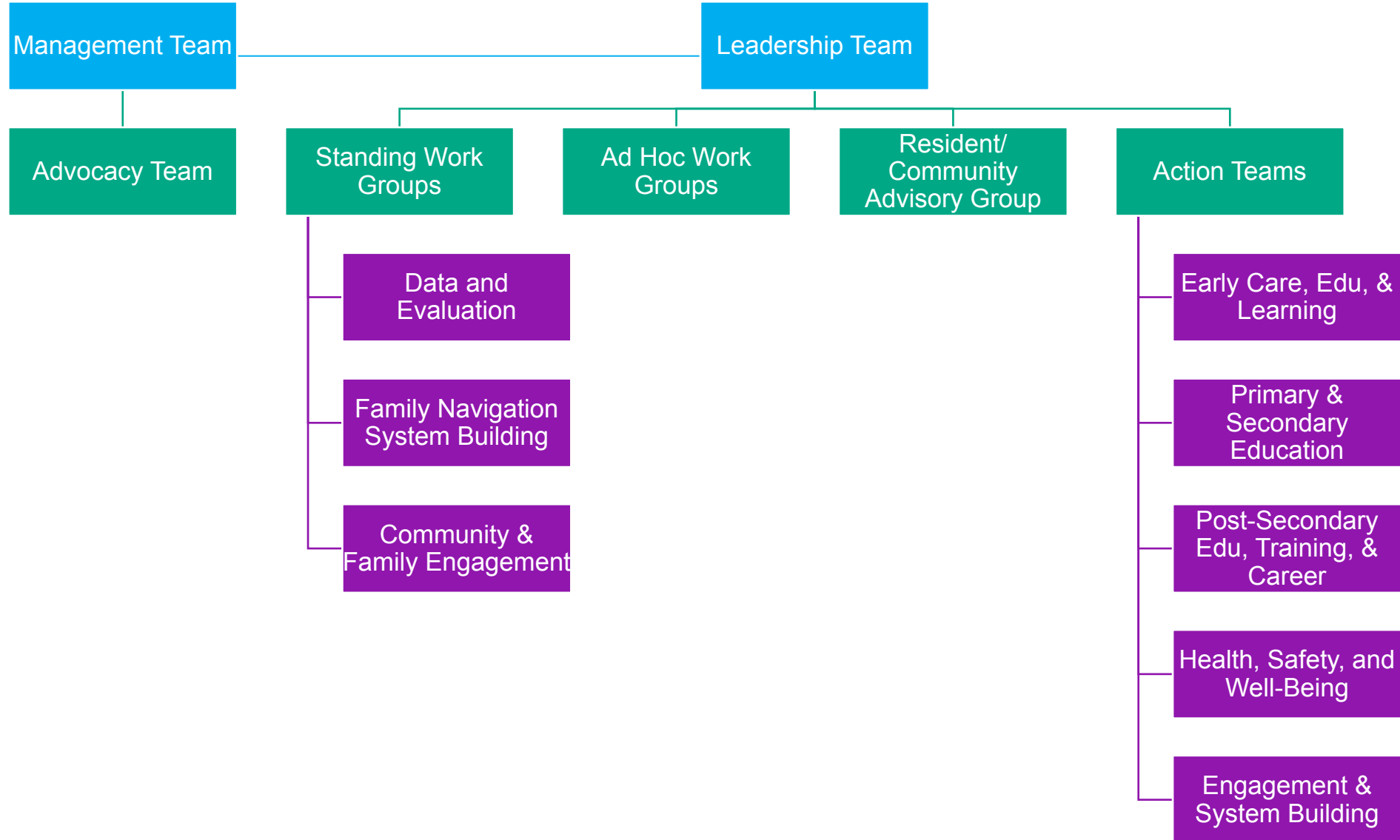
Year 1 Review & Year 2 Aspirations

Where Are We Today & Where Are We Going?

Questions to consider:

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Governance



Leadership Team

“These things move at the speed of trust.”

Bryan Boroughs

Institute for Child Success

“Community engagement is secured through building trust, and building trust is a block-by-block, neighborhood-by-neighborhood effort.”

Geoffrey Canada

Harlem Children's Zone

- Releasing Ascend's **budget** in response to residents' questions and concerns;
- Recruiting individuals with **lived experiences** in North Hartford neighborhoods;
- Engaging **community leaders** to facilitate monthly community conversations;
- Hiring a marketing firm with lived experience in North Hartford to conduct focus groups to understand **resident marketing and communication preferences**;
- **Compensating residents** for their participation in Ascend activities;
- Obtaining grant funding to provide **food and child care** at events;
- Embedding residents, community leaders, partner organizations, and other stakeholders within the **governance** and leadership structures;
- Recruiting **parents** to serve on consumer panels; and
- Taking **action** such as partnering with Hartford Youth Service Corps members to clean and brighten public spaces.

Resident & Community Advisory Group

Members

- Darlene Childs -Northeast NRZ
- Keisha Dickerson- Upper Albany NRZ
- Helen Nixon- Northeast NRZ
- Jeffrey Stewart- Clay Arsenal NRZ
- Charles Teale- Northeast NRZ
- Lawrence Williams- Upper Albany NRZ

TBI 2023

- School Governance Representatives (Wish , Martin Luther King, Weaver, and S.A.N.D)
- Faith Based Organizations
- Other Community Groups
- Providers

Brainstorm with NRZ Representatives

Providers

Provides services to the community.

Provider Activities:

- Conduct/Lead meetings
- Bi-directional communication

Faith-Based

North End Pastors Groups and Churches

Faith-Based Activities:

- Advertise to congregations
- Get congregations involved

Schools

Promise Zone and HPS Schools

School Activities:

- Advertise to parents
- SGCs serve as a liaison between parents, schools, and NHAP
- Host meetings

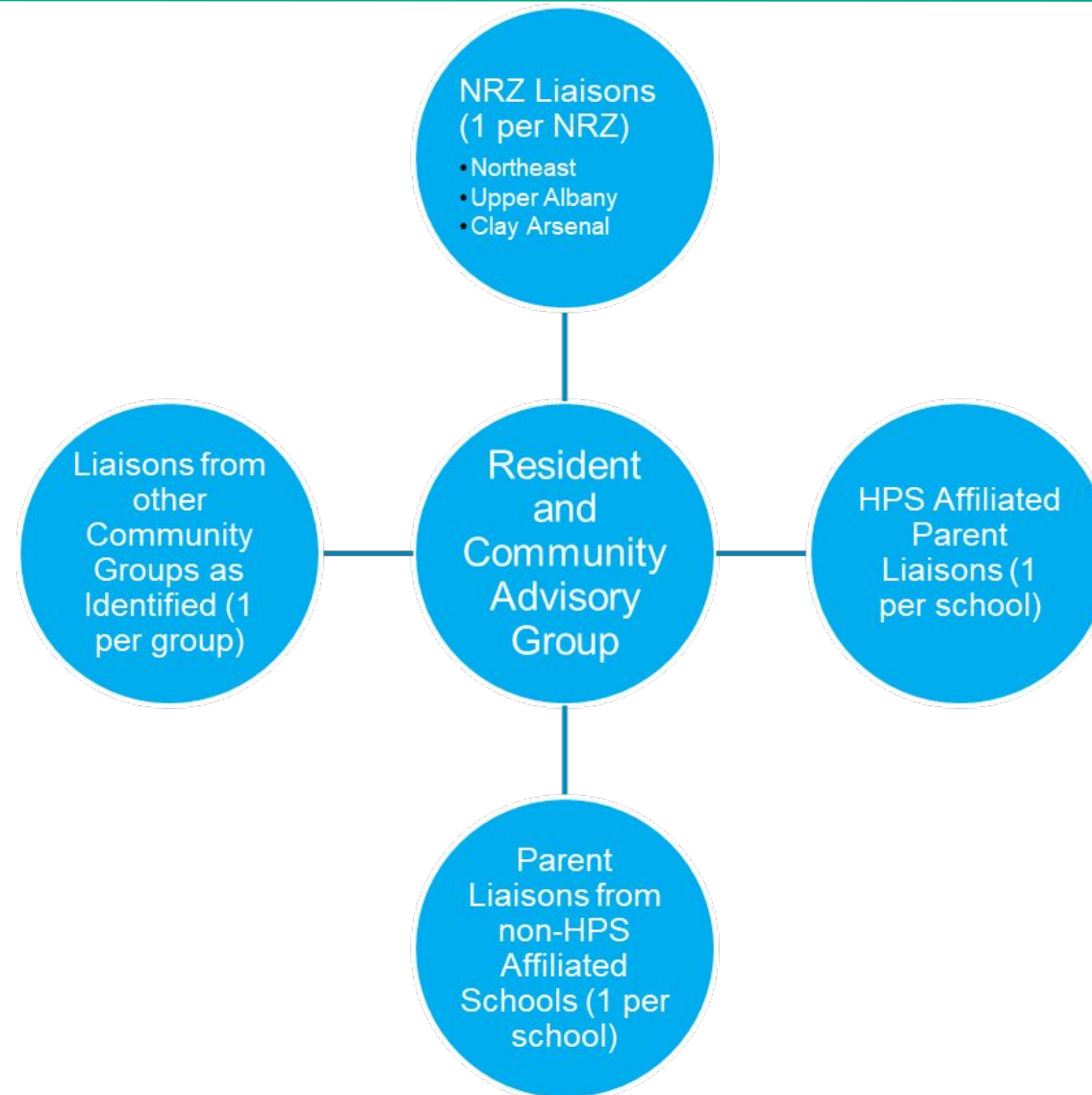
NRZs

NRZs will lead community outreach and engagement. 1 rep per NRZ

NRZ Activities:

- Serve as a liaison between NHAP and PZ residents
- Facilitate community discussions
- Advertise (newsletter, social media, word of mouth, canvassing)
- Street rep.

Resident & Community Advisory Group



Year 1 Accomplishments

- Established group members and regular meeting times.
- Developed group's focus and plan of action.

Year 2 Planned Activities

- Each month choose a community priority need.
- Review which Ascend partners are aligned with the priority need.
- Gather information on community concerns and identify current service gaps.
- Connect with the identified partners to collect more information on services provided.
- Partners meet with RCAG, who will share learned information on concerns and gaps.
- Present learnings to Ascend leadership to be incorporated into Ascend development.
- Present learnings and progress to respective RCAG community groups.
- Ensure RCAG and Ascend leadership are aligned with focused outcomes.

Community & Family Engagement Workgroup

Community and Family Engagement



The Community and Family Engagement Work Group focuses on listening to and elevating the voices of residents in the North End.

The scope of work will include activities related but not limited to designing and implementing strategies to learn from and embed our community and resident voices within all aspects of Ascend. We aim to support access to and use of Ascend's services and resources.

This workgroup commits to being present and accessible to our community and residents.

Community & Family Engagement Outreach Model DRAFT

1. Providers
2. NHAP HPS Schools
 1. FCSSPs
 2. SGCs
 3. Principals
3. NRZs
4. Faith-Based Organizations
5. Small Businesses
6. Community Organizations
 - Cultural Organizations
 - Youth Development Organizations
 - Health- Related Organizations

Activities include but are not limited to:

- *Advertising NHAP programs and services*
- *Hosting/facilitating discussions and events*
- *Providing input/feedback*
- *Serving as a liaison between their group, residents, etc., and Ascend*

Workgroup Progress - Year 1

COMPLETED

- Develop Strategies to Strengthen Community Engagement (ongoing)
- Build a Stakeholder List (ongoing)
- Outreach for community governance leaders
 - Recruit community governance leaders
 - Onboard resident leaders
- Created a community engagement strategy
- Develop incentive tiers and launch a resident incentive program
- Established NHAP Resident and Community Advisory Group
- Researched and co-interviewed communication companies



PROGRESS/OUTSTANDING

- Develop Year One Ascend Community calendar (outstanding)
- Brainstorm and Design Skill Building Activities (in progress)
 - Implement Capacity Building Activities (outstanding)
- Engage Other Partners- Engage other project partners in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the program (in progress)
- Discuss the plan for working with PN schools and stakeholders connected to the schools and understand parent-school and teacher organizations (in progress)
- Power Map (outstanding)

Year 2 – THE YEAR OF ACTION

- Implement a marketing/outreach plan in partnership with other workgroups
 - Increase NHAP visibility
- Host training/skill-building workshops for residents, providers, and community leaders
- Host info. sessions for principals and community organizations
- Create formal liaison relationships with NHAP schools
- Host community events
- Create a community calendar
- Collect and share stories and narratives

Family Navigation System Building Workgroup

Family Navigation System Building Workgroup

Team Members

- Courtenay Jackson
- Katherine Ramirez
- Toral Sanghavi
- Geethika Fernando
- Karena DuPlessis
- Liany Arroyo
- Marcia Hughes
- Michelle Safo-Agyeman
- Nancy Trout
- Nilda Fernandez
- Jen Gifford
- Tamara Mitchell-Davis
- Alejandro Martinez
- Thais Ortolaza
- Viviana Alvarado
- Tyler Booth

Family Navigation System Building Workgroup

Focus - build and maintain a pipeline of supports and services that:

- Is child and family centered
- Integrates and coordinates services providers
- Improves communication among services providers
- Supports shared practices
- Strengthens familial and community assets

Family Navigation System Building Work Group

Year 1 Accomplishments and Milestones

- Community representatives joined work group
- Developed the foundation of the system that will connect community members to programs in services
 - Resident experience
 - Resident feedback
- Developed the foundation of the system that will seamlessly integrate all providers and community based organizations programs into the family navigation system
 - Began developing a pilot to test shared practices
 - Provider/Partner recruitment, onboarding and capacity building
 - Provider/Partner feedback
- Creating a culture of collaboration
 - Understanding and documenting how service providers work with children and families
 - Communication - Framework to ensure the efficient and effective flow of information



Family Navigation System Building Workgroup



Year 2 Goals and Aspirations:

Pipeline Development and Partner Engagement

- Prioritize shared practices – pilot test and scale
 - How providers to their work
 - How providers work with children and families
- Design and launch a family navigation dictionary
- Increase provider understanding of the services and resources available to children and families
- Continue to build trust, both among service providers and with community
- Enhance communication between project partners and service providers

Data & Evaluation Workgroup

Members and Organizations

Center for Social Research (University of Hartford) - evaluation design and analysis

- Dr. Wes Younts (Co-Chair) and Dr. Marcia Hughes

Hartford Public Schools - educational outcomes and school climate survey data

- Dr. Bethany Silver (Co-Chair)

Hartford Data Collaborative (CTData Collaborative)- program data collection, data linking, secure storage

- Michelle Riordan-Nold and Geethika Fernando

DataHaven - community survey data

- Mark Abraham

CT Children's - coordination, support, IRB, and programs

- Jacquelyn Rose, Lauren Dominique, Michelle Safo-Agyeman, Asiah Stewart (Ascend Team)
- Jessica Hollenbach (Asthma Center)

United Way - community engagement and programs

- Jen Gifford, Kristin Brisbon

The Village - family navigation and programs

- Toral Sanghavi

Community Member

- Tyler Napper

- Prioritize community voice and capitalize on existing resources and expertise across partners to collaboratively build a sustainable system for collecting and using data to:
 - facilitate the evaluation and continual improvement of the Ascend Pipeline and associated programmatic “solutions,”
 - meet the reporting requirements of the US Dept. of Education (DOE), and
 - benefit families and children living in the Promise Neighborhood

Workgroup Structure

- **Program & Case Management Data Subcommittee**
 - Design processes to capture data collected on program participation, completion & outcomes
- **HPS Administrative Data / School Climate & Culture Survey Subcommittee**
 - Design processes for obtaining student-level educational data and climate survey data
- **Neighborhood Survey Subcommittee**
 - Design and implement community survey data collection
- **Data Systems & Security Subcommittee**
 - Obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, and design and implement participant informed consent processes, data sharing agreements, and data integration, storage, and security protocols
- **Data Reporting Subcommittee**
 - Create and disseminate reports summarizing results, including those required by the DOE (e.g., Data Plan; Bi-annual APR Reports), annual evaluation reports, a public-facing data dashboard, and data presented at community conversations

Year 1 Goals and Milestones

- **Meet Dept. of Education (DOE) data collection and reporting requirements**
 - Participated in DOE sponsored Data Site Visit and TTA Needs Assessment, trainings, conferences, and communities of practice to understand reporting requirements
 - Submitted bi-annual APR report
 - Submitted Data Plan, including summary of baseline data and target setting (years 2-5)
- **Collaborate with programs to establish shared data collection practices and learn about their current data collection processes and needs**
 - Designed and administered Initial Baseline Data request from programs
 - Conducted “Data Site Discussions” with five programs
 - Established plan for Jan. 26th program partner data workshop
- **Capitalize on available resources and expertise to develop data collection and evaluation processes that do not “reinvent the wheel”**
 - Connected with existing research groups across the country to learn from similar work and adopt or adapt successful measures and processes
 - Established sub-committee structure to embed community voice and facilitate progress on data collection efforts

Year 2 Goals and Milestones

- Finalize and implement data collection and evaluation plans
- Continue collaborating with programs to establish shared data collection practices and processes
- Submit application for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval to ensure safe and ethical use of data
- Pilot test methods and measures to deploy during the 2024 community survey
- Develop program partner network data collection in collaboration with Visible Network Labs
- Obtain, integrate, and analyze programmatic data, educational data, community-level survey data, and publicly available data
- Submit bi-annual APR reports required by the Dept. of Education
- Share results with the community!

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Thank You!

- **Upcoming meetings:**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

- An incentive is available to Hartford community members participating in this meeting. The link is posted in the chat and will be sent out via email. Contact Ally McGinty, amcginty@unitedwayinc.org with any questions.
- Please take the Post Meeting Survey to share your thoughts and feedback.
 - The link is posted in the chat and will be sent out via email.
- Any feedback and or questions, contact nhap@connecticutchildrens.org