



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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Welcome

Agenda

Welcome	Luz Holmes Community Participation, NHAP Courtenay Jackson North Hartford Promise Zone My Brother's Keeper City of Hartford
Ascend Goal	Courtenay Jackson Paul Dworkin Executive Vice President Community and Child Health
Ascend Governance	Courtenay Jackson Luz Holmes Gina Federico Director United Way Central and Northeastern Connecticut
Pipeline Design	Courtenay Jackson
Discussion	ALL
Report Out/Adjourn	ALL

Open Positions

- About 35 new positions will be supported through this grant across Connecticut Children's and project partners.
 - Connecticut Children's, Program Coordinator, Childhood Prosperity Lab
 - The Village, Family Navigators

Why are we here?

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

What is the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline?

DOE Promise Neighborhoods 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.

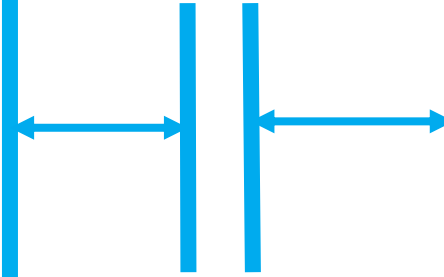
Feel safe at school and in the community.

Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21st century learning tools.

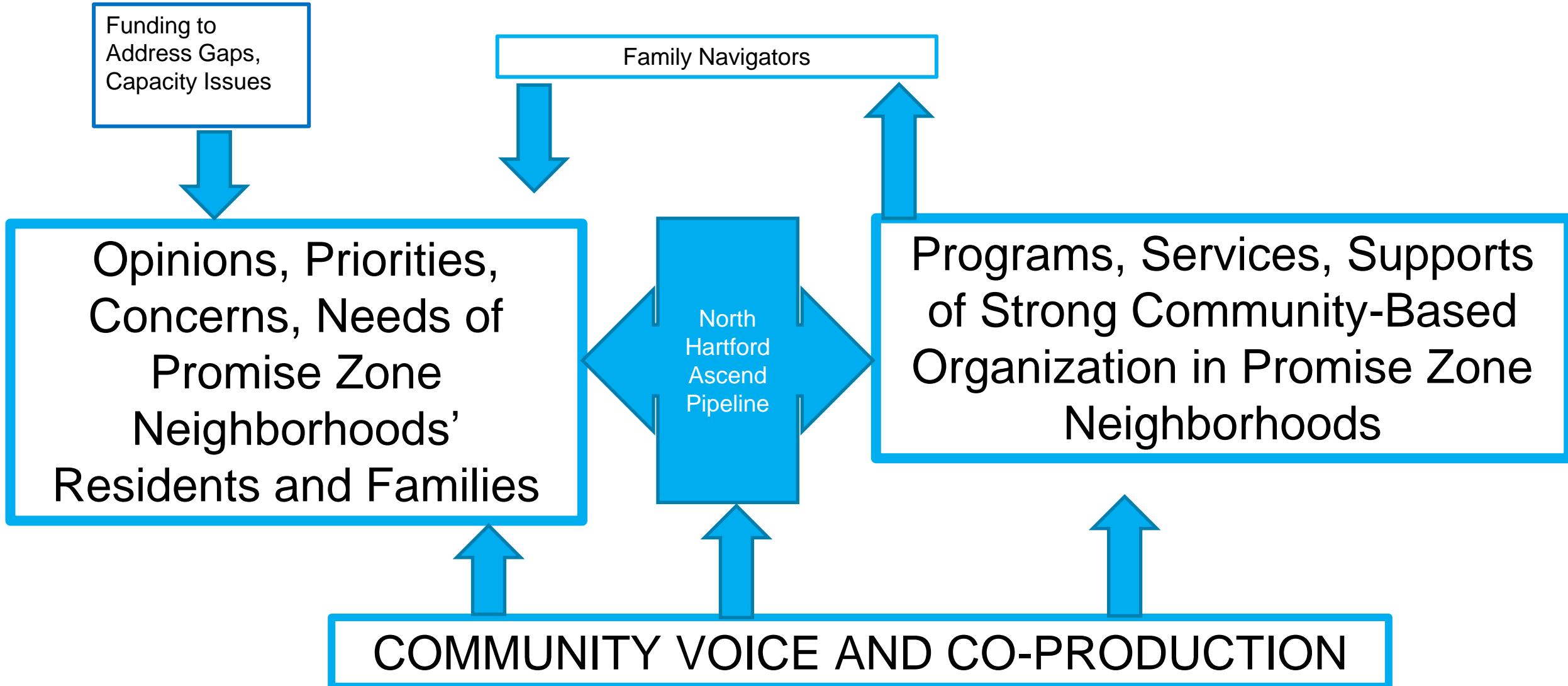
Current State

Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of
Promise Zone
Neighborhoods'
Residents and
Families



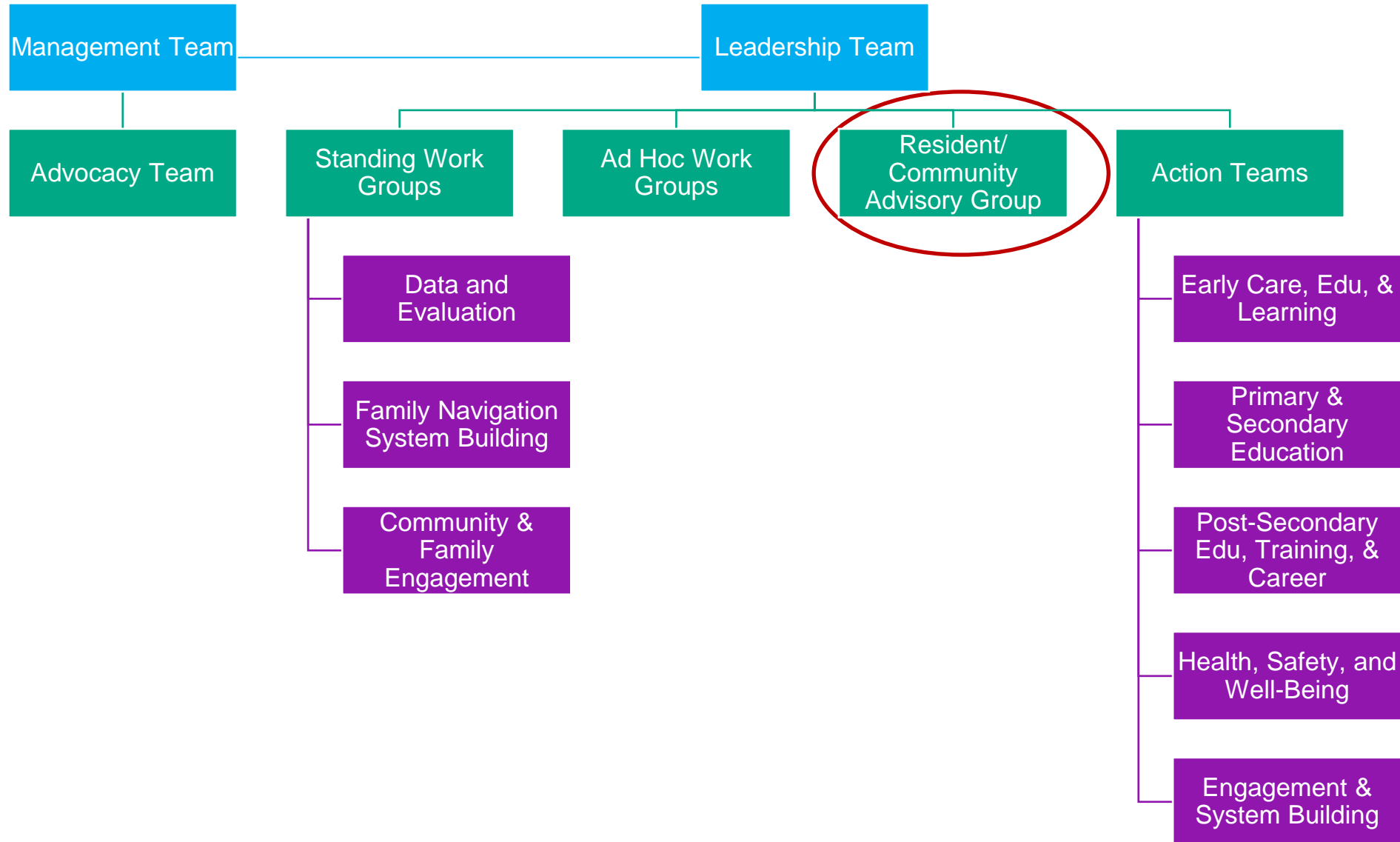
Strong Array of Programs,
Services, Supports of
Community-Based
Organizations in Promise
Zone Neighborhoods

Ideal State

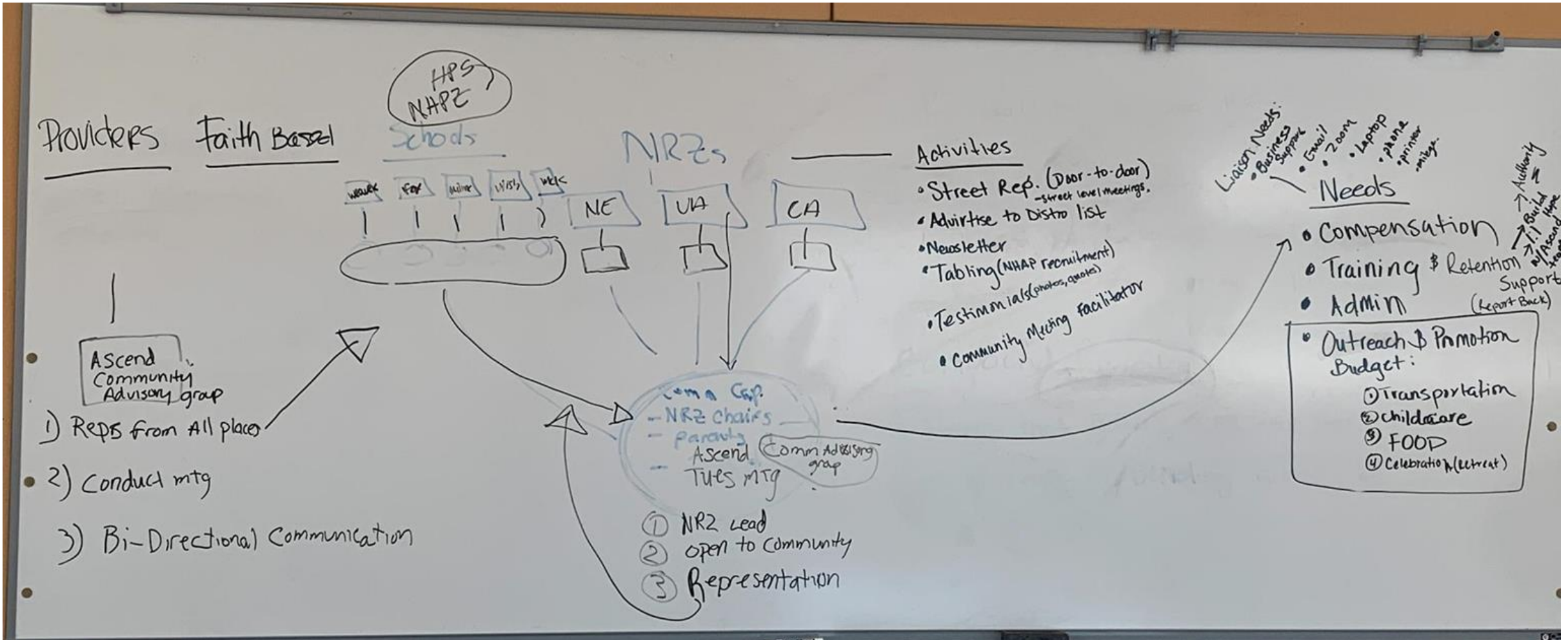


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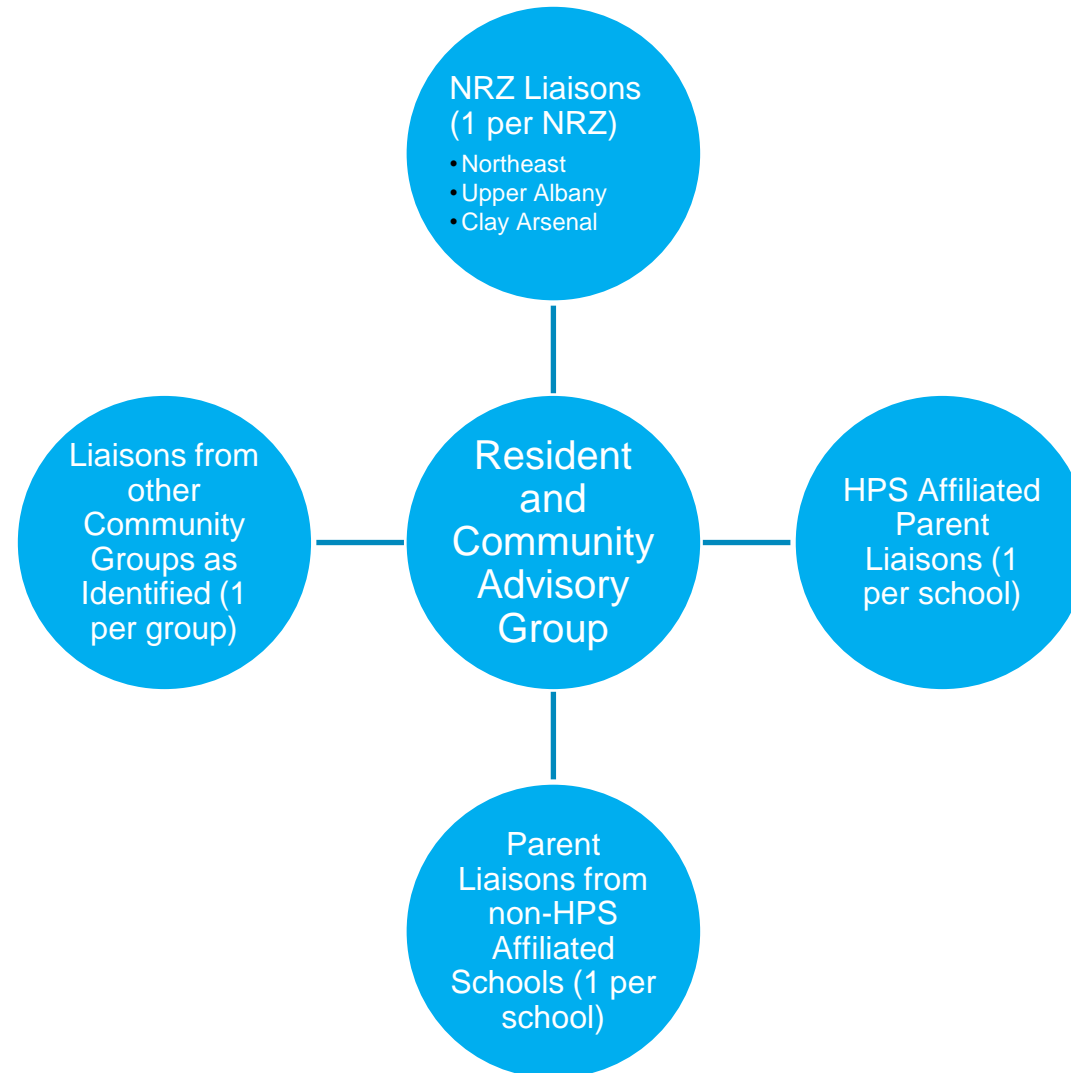
Brainstorm with NRZ Representatives



Resident and Community Advisory Group



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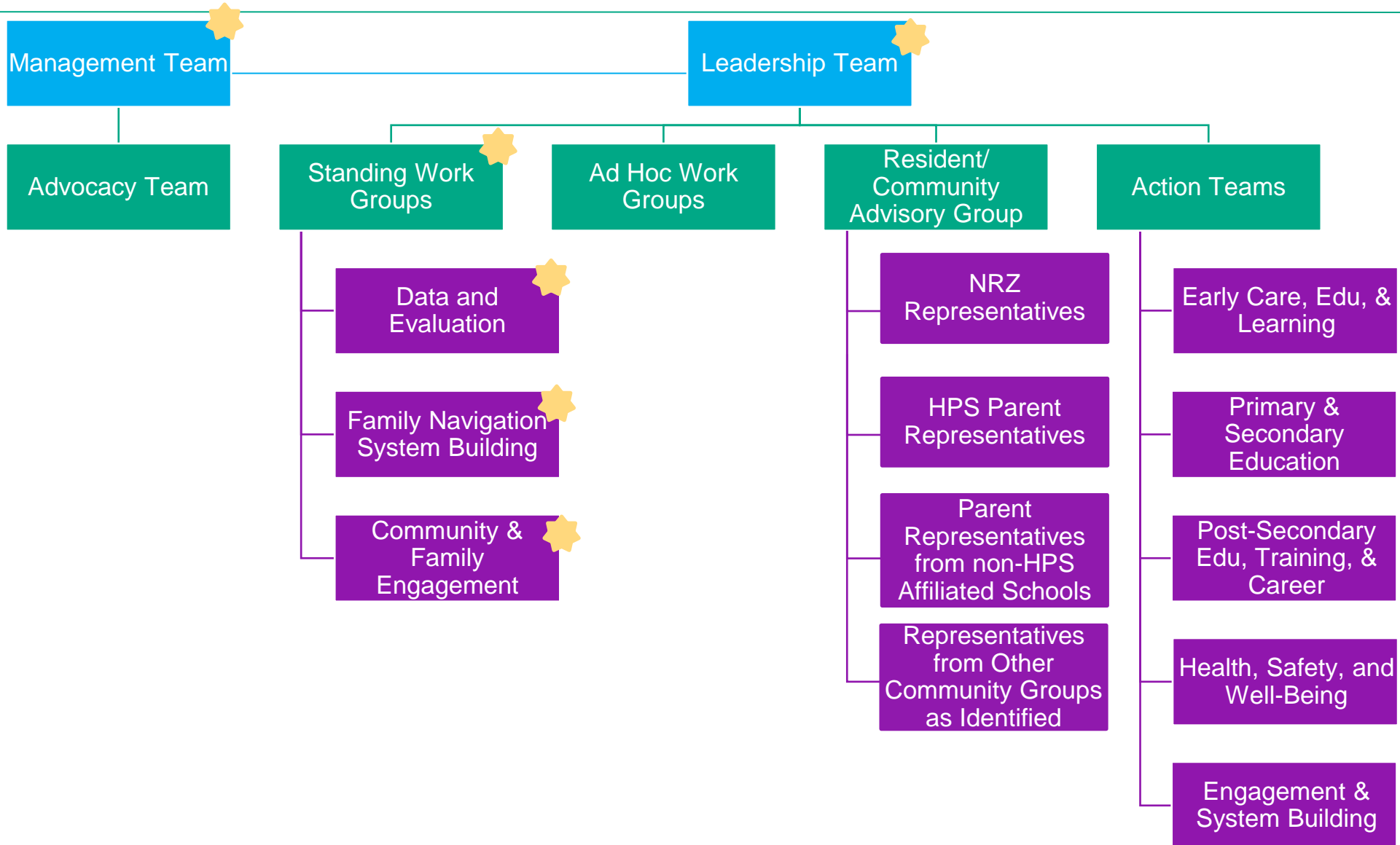


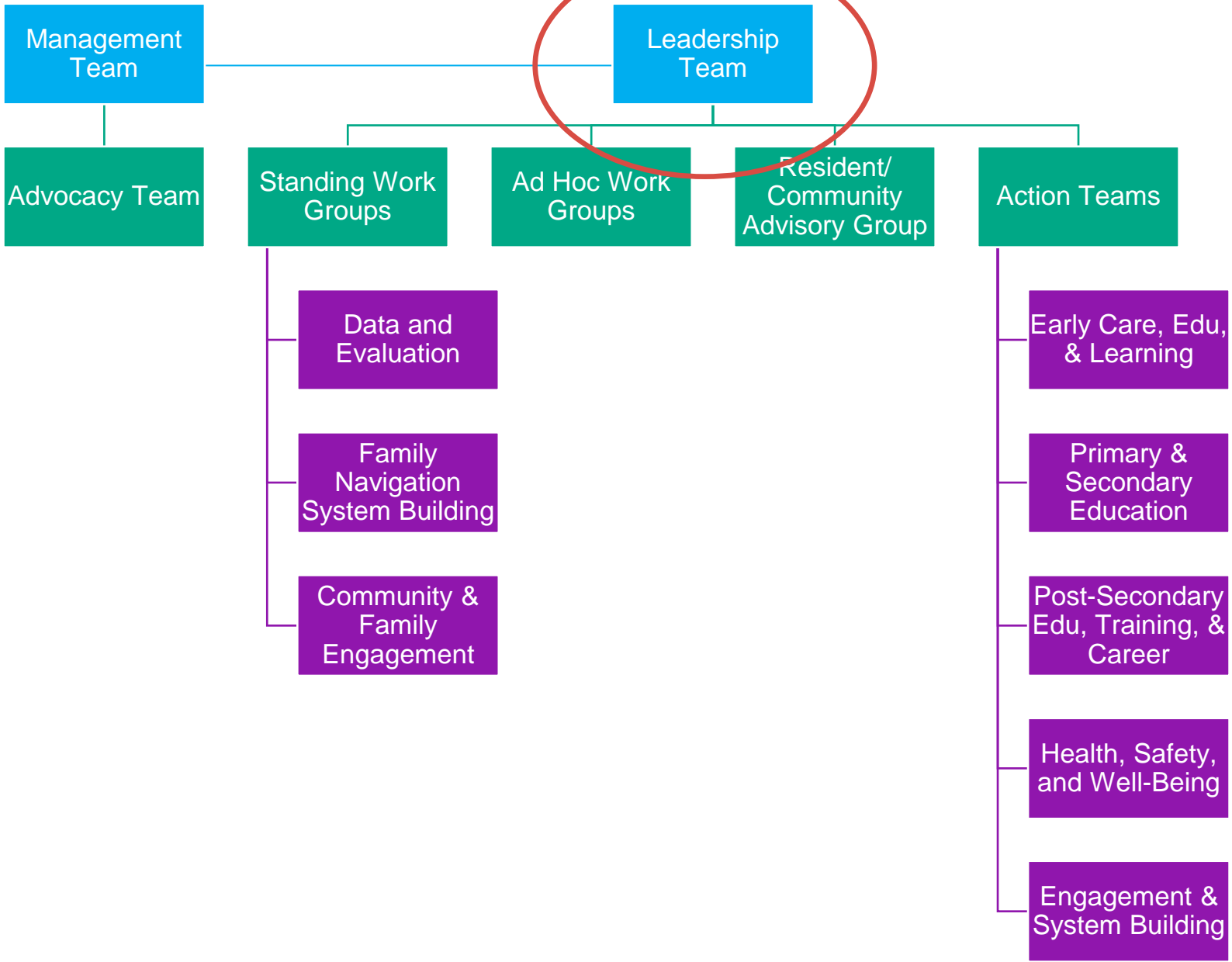
Representative Role and Responsibilities



- Listen and seek understanding.
- Participate in monthly Resident and Community Advisory Group meetings.
- Participate in Advocacy Team meetings (twice per year in the spring and fall).
- Represent community group at Resident and Community Advisory Group and Advocacy Team meetings.
- Explain community group's opinion, perspective, feedback, recommendation, etc. at Resident and Community Advisory Group Meetings and/or Advocacy Team meetings.
- Participate in regularly scheduled meetings for community group.
- Complete required meeting prep and follow-up.
- Solicit feedback and input on key topics from community group.
- Provide updates about Ascend to respective community group.
- Distribute information about Ascend, such as events and activities, to community group.
- Communicate special needs, interests and opportunities of community group.
- Be available to discuss the role, function, and purpose of community with various Ascend stakeholders.
- Represent community at other forums and meetings as needed.

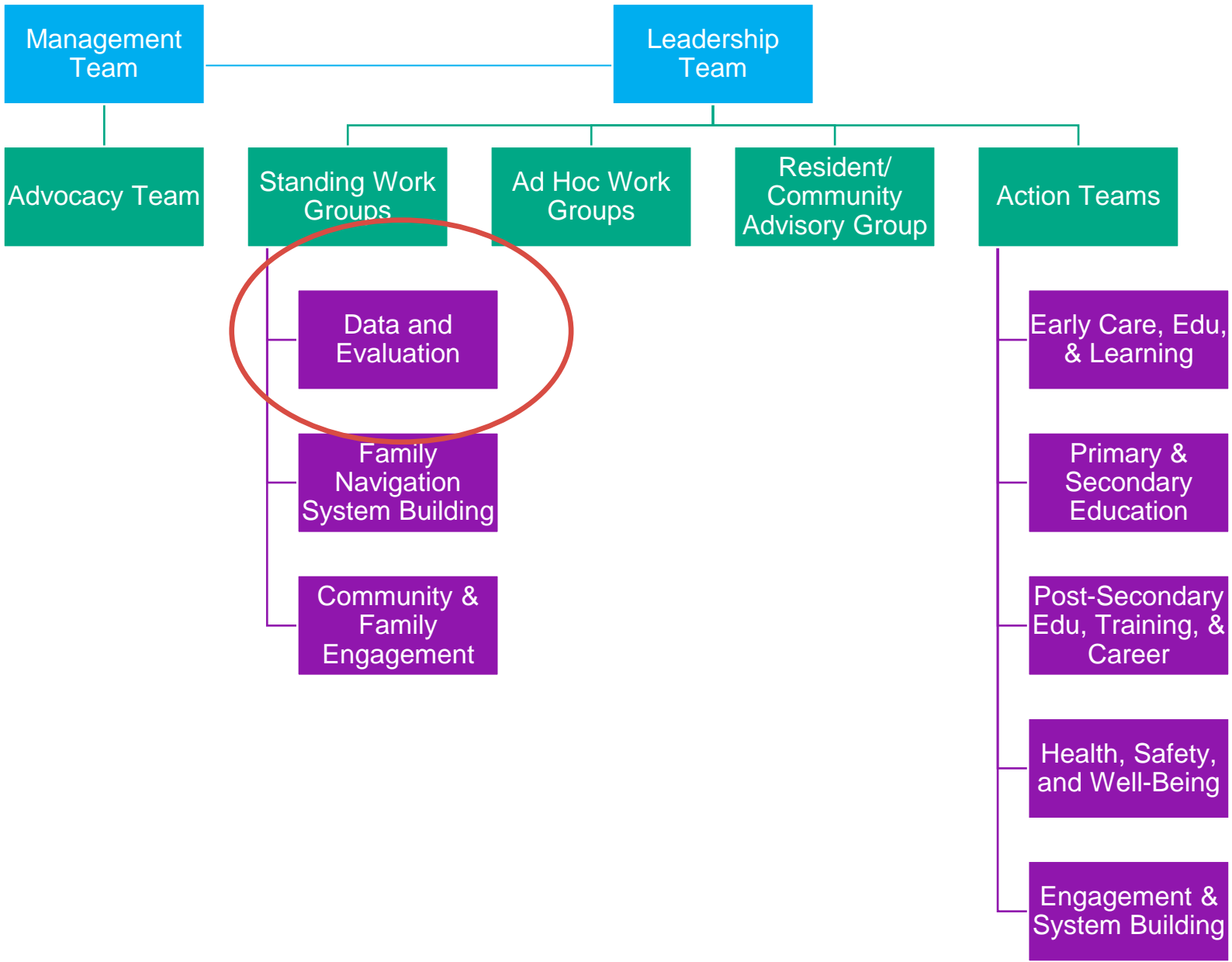
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Leadership Team

Lead the design, implement, evaluate, and support sustainability of Ascend.

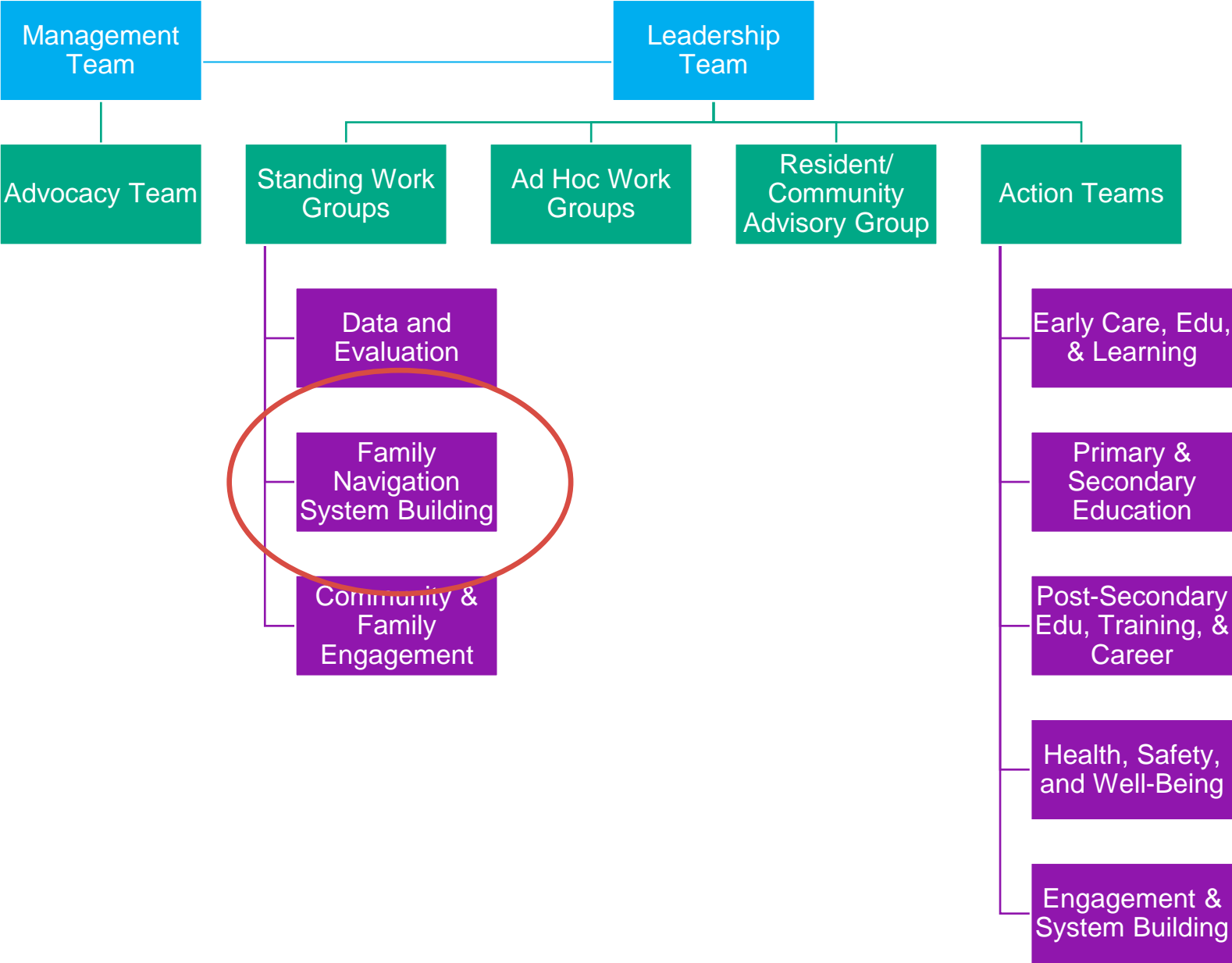


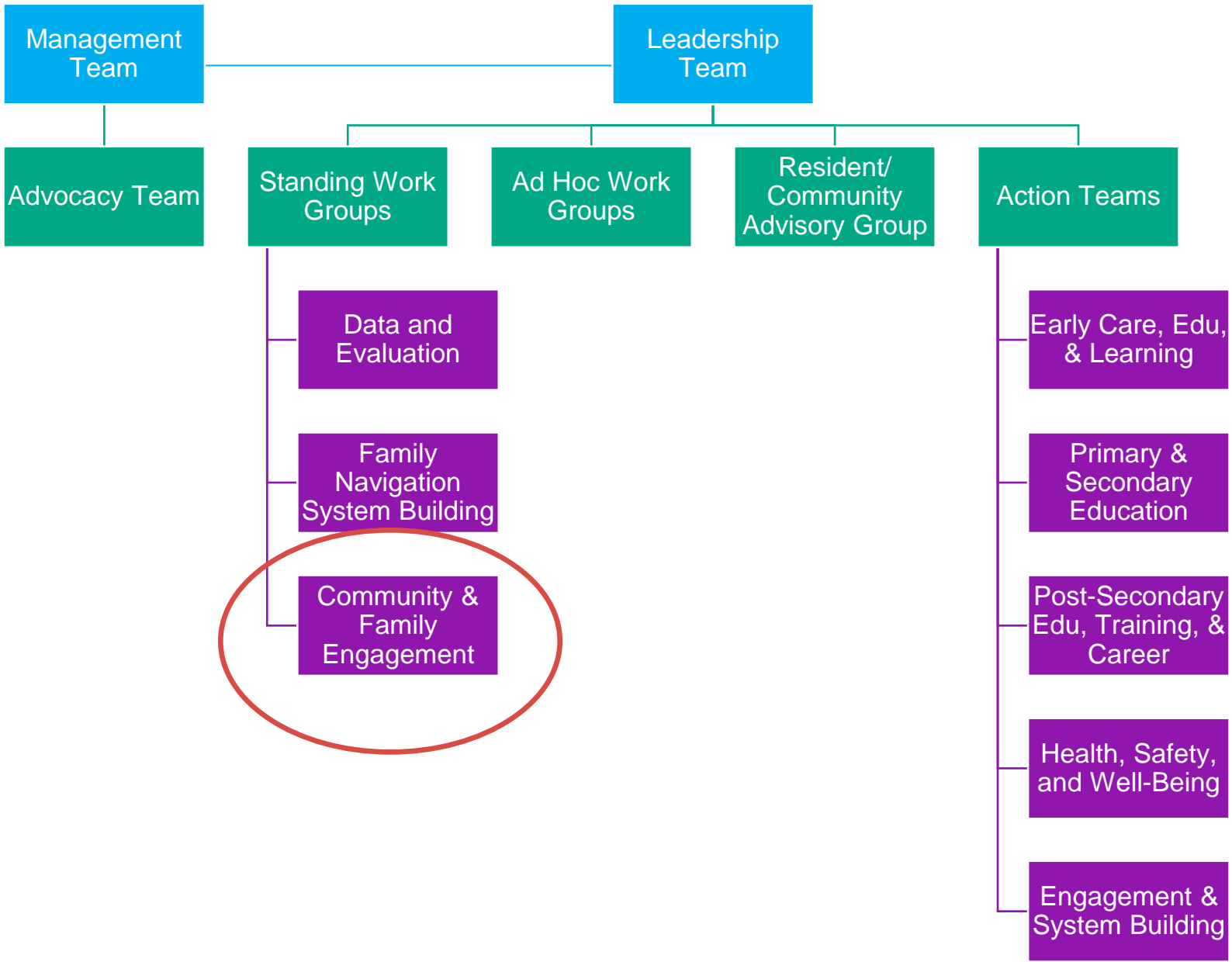
Data and Evaluation Team

Focus on activities related to the collection of data, quality monitoring and improvement, process evaluation, outcome evaluation, and the processes and infrastructure needed to support these activities.

Family Navigation System Building

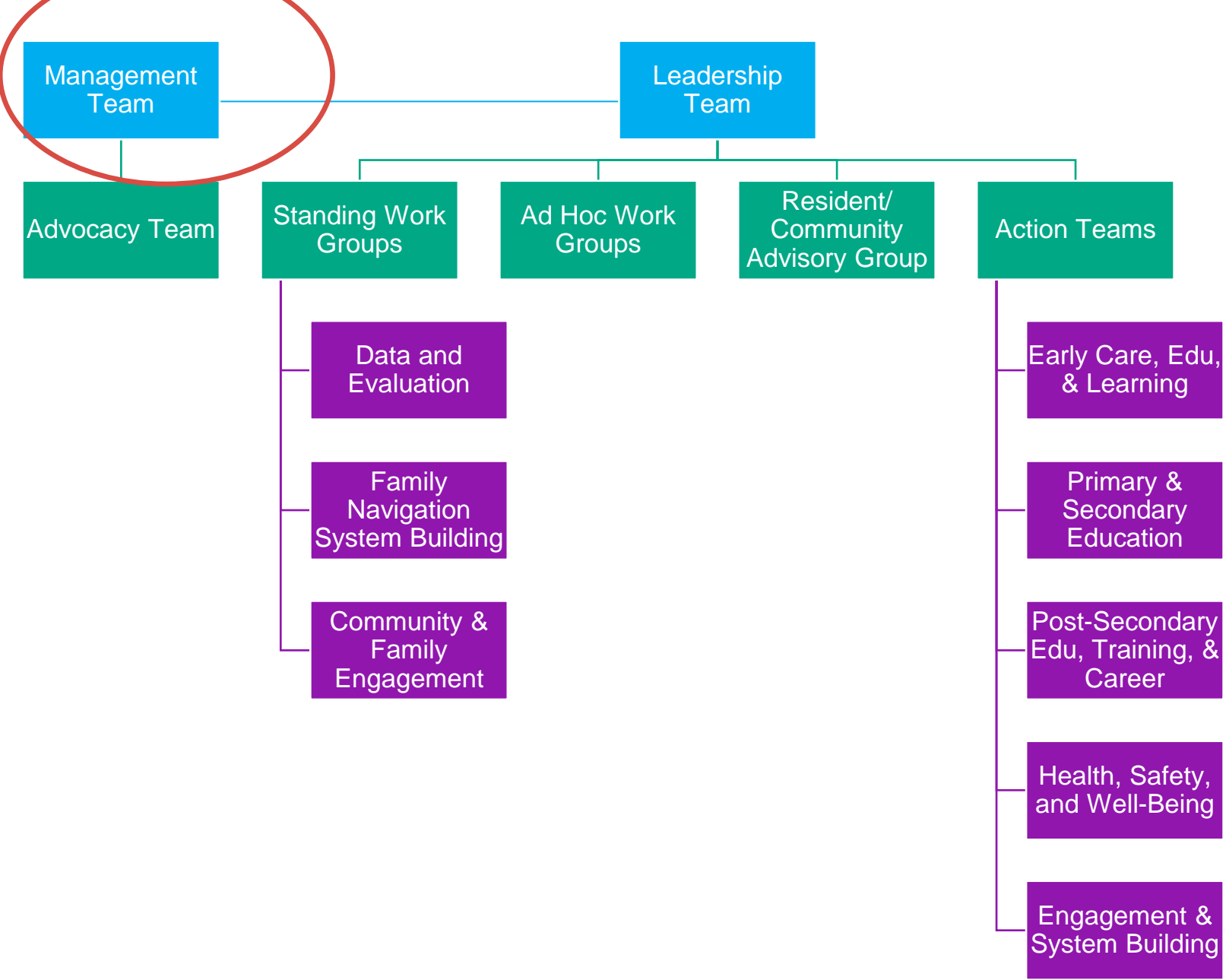
Focus on activities related to improving communication, coordination, and collaboration among pipeline service providers, including designing and implementing a universally accessible pipeline and processes and infrastructure needed to support the pipeline.





Community and Family Engagement

Focus on soliciting and elevating community and resident voices in the design, implementation, and evaluation



Management Team

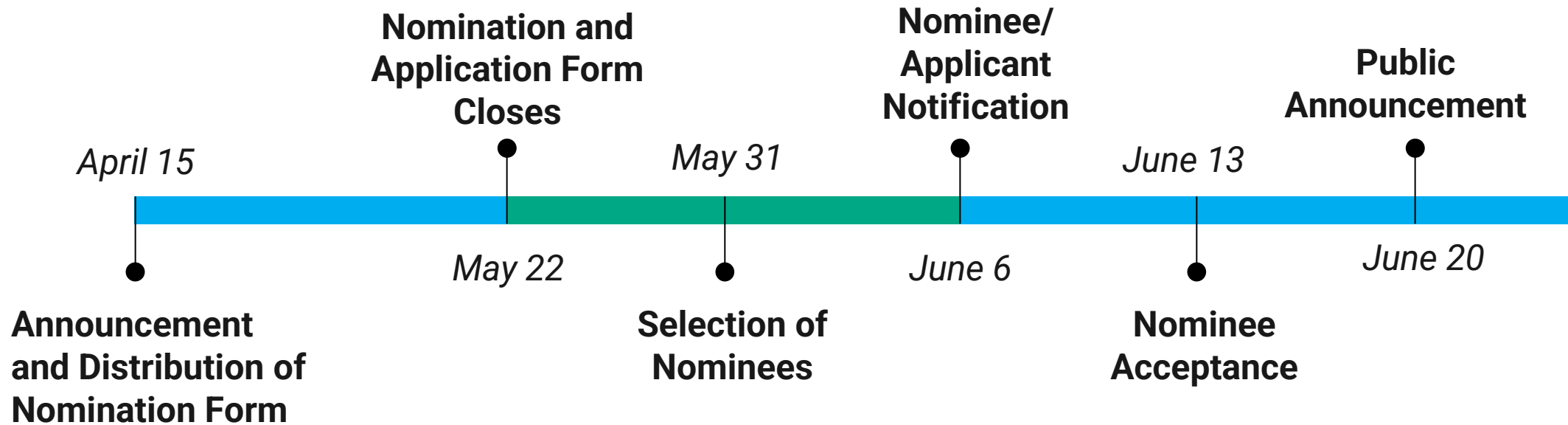
Facilitate and implement operational and administrative aspects of Ascend, such as contract, work plan, and budget management.

Representative Role and Responsibilities



- Listen and seek understanding.
- Participate in monthly meetings.
- Participate in daylong retreats (twice per year).
- Complete required meeting preparation and follow-up.
- Serve as a connection between Ascend and community.
- Provide input on the special needs, interests and opportunities of residents and families in North Hartford.
- Represent Ascend at other formal and informal convenings, gatherings, and meetings.

Nomination, Application, and Selection Timeline



Breakout Discussions

Ground Rules for Breakouts

- Everyone deserves to be heard and everyone should have an opportunity to speak.
 - Online: Keep your camera on (if possible), and keep your mic muted unless you are speaking.
- Listen and respond respectfully.
- Stick to the issue – time is limited, so let's value each other's time.
- Respect each other's privacy – keep personal stories in the group.
- Successful dialogue is the responsibility of all participants
- Is there anything we need to add?

Discussion Questions

1. Where do community members and residents go when they need information?
2. Does the North Hartford Promise Zone have adequate programs, resources, and services?
3. What makes a program, resource, or service high quality?

Domains:

- Pregnancy through Preschool and/or daycare - Courtenay
- PK through 12 education - all groups
- Post High School and college education, training, and career development - Wes
- Health, safety, and well-being - basic needs (food, housing, transportation) - Luis

Report Out

Thank YOU for you Time and Input

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, April 28, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

- An incentive will be available for community members for this meeting.
- A link will be send out a link via on email on Monday, March 28 for community members to receive their incentive.
- Feel free to contact Gina Federico, gfederico@unitedwayinc.org or 860-493-1115 with any questions.