



North Hartford Ascend

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Community Conversation

Wednesday, February 18, 2026



**Por favor levante la mano si necesita
interpretación al español**

Spanish interpretation services are available. Please
see Celso for translation help.

Agenda



- Welcome & Guidelines
- Featured Topic: Summer Programs Fair
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: March 18, 2026**

Discussion Guidelines



- Everyone deserves to be heard. Listen and respond respectfully. Successful dialogue is the responsibility of all participants.
- Let's stay on topic— time is limited, so let's value each other's time.
- We are interested in hearing your authentic thoughts- please do not use AI or ChatGPT to respond to questions.

Incentive Available to Hartford Residents

Return your completed the Ascend Passport to the check-in table and complete the online survey.

North Hartford Ascend: Overview

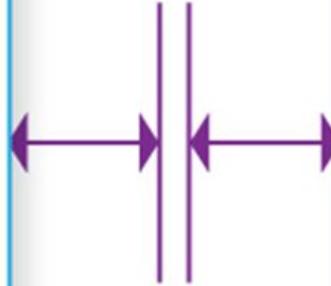


Connect children and families, prenatal through career, living in the **North Hartford Promise Zone** to the programs, services and other resources they need to **reach their full potential.**

Current State

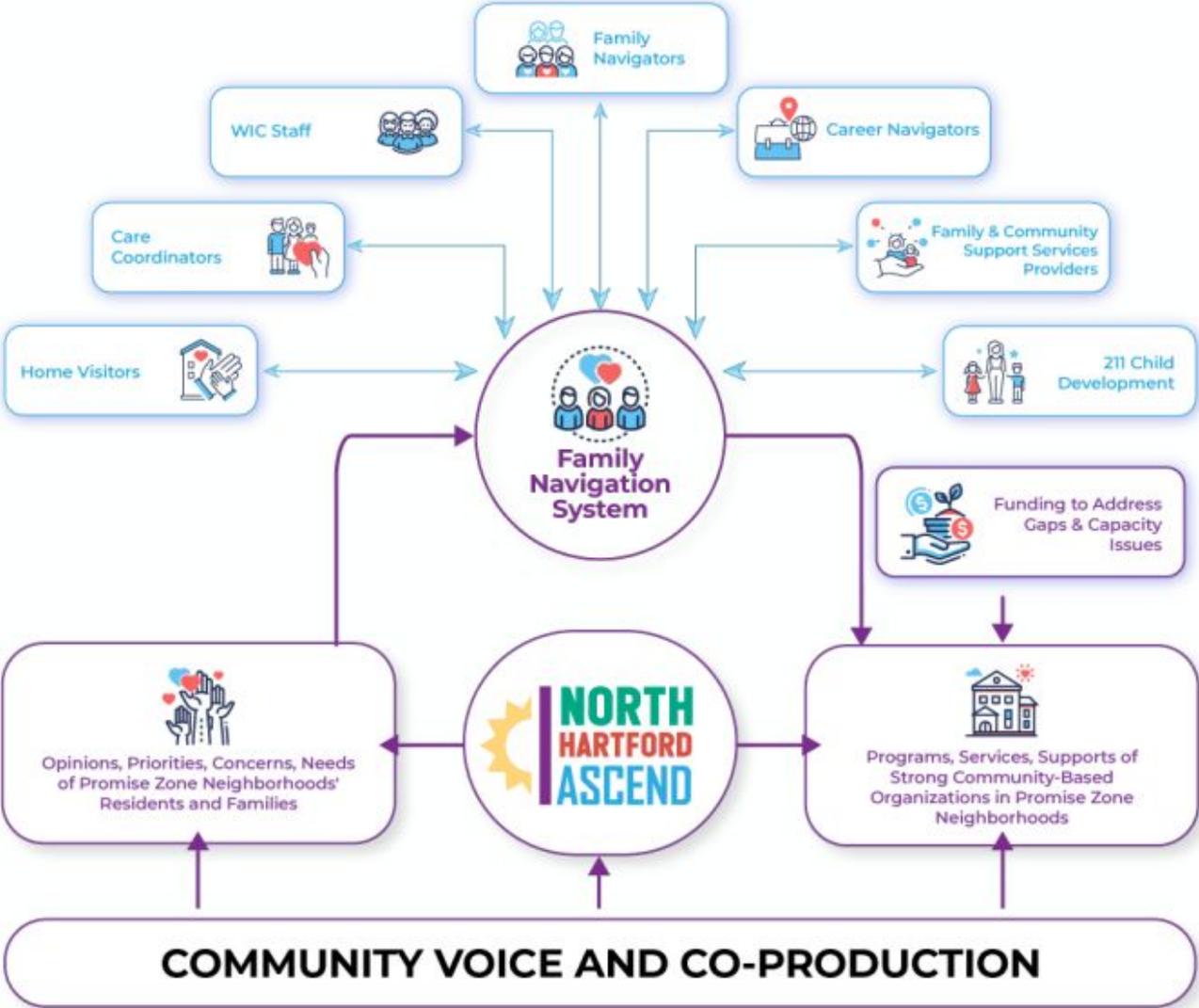


Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of Promise
Zone Neighborhoods'
Residents and Families



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

Ideal State-Ascend System Building



Ascend & Community Updates

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Community Workshops: In-Person

Getting Ready to Talk – Preparing for Difficult Conversations

[Thursday, November 20](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Learn how to recognize when a child is emotionally ready, create conditions that promote openness and trust, and identify age-appropriate ways to approach tough topics.

Understanding Conflict & Simple Tools for De-escalation

[Tuesday, December 2](#) and [Monday, December 8](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Participants will learn what conflict really is, how anger escalates, and a simple three-step method for calming tense situations.

Advocacy in Action: The Label Conversation

[Tuesday, December 10](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Equipping caregivers with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for their children within the educational system, transforming potentially challenging emotions into constructive action.

Talking Through the Tough Stuff with Your Child

[Thursday, December 18](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Explore how to respond with honesty while helping your child feel secure, understood, and emotionally supported.

Workshops



North Hartford Ascend Community Resource Map



Summer Programs Fair Passport



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Meet with 6 programs to fill out your passport and then return it to the registration desk.



Name: _____

Email: _____

2-4-1 CARE	AJC Youth Career Navigator	Connecti Kids	YWCA Hartford	Hartford Stage
Camp Courant	Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford	Riverfront Recapture	Center for Latino Progress	
Hartford Proud	Health Careers Opportunities Program		Hartford Public Library	Hartbeat Ensemble
The Children's Museum	Catholic Charities	Makerspace CT	Act Up Theater	Hartford Health Initiative

Summer Program Overview Document

Stay Connected

- Follow us on social media to stay connected!

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Thank You!



- **Next Conversations:**

- **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

- Please take the [Post Meeting Feedback & Incentive Survey](#) to share your thoughts and feedback and access the incentive for Hartford residents. Use the QR code, or visit the link sent out via email following the meeting.

- Contact nhap@connecticutchildrens.org with any questions.

Feedback & Incentive



Community Workshops

