



North Hartford Ascend

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Community Conversation

Wednesday, September 17, 2025



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interpretación al español**

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Agenda



- Welcome & Guidelines
- Featured Presenter: Hartford Public Schools Superintendent & CEO - Dr. Andraé Townsel
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 15th**

Discussion Guidelines



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

Incentive Available to Hartford Residents

North Hartford Ascend: Overview

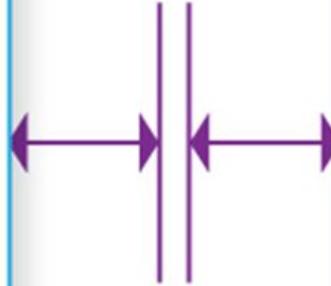


Connect children and families, prenatal through career, living in the **North Hartford Promise Zone** to the programs, services and other resources they need to **reach their full potential.**

Current State

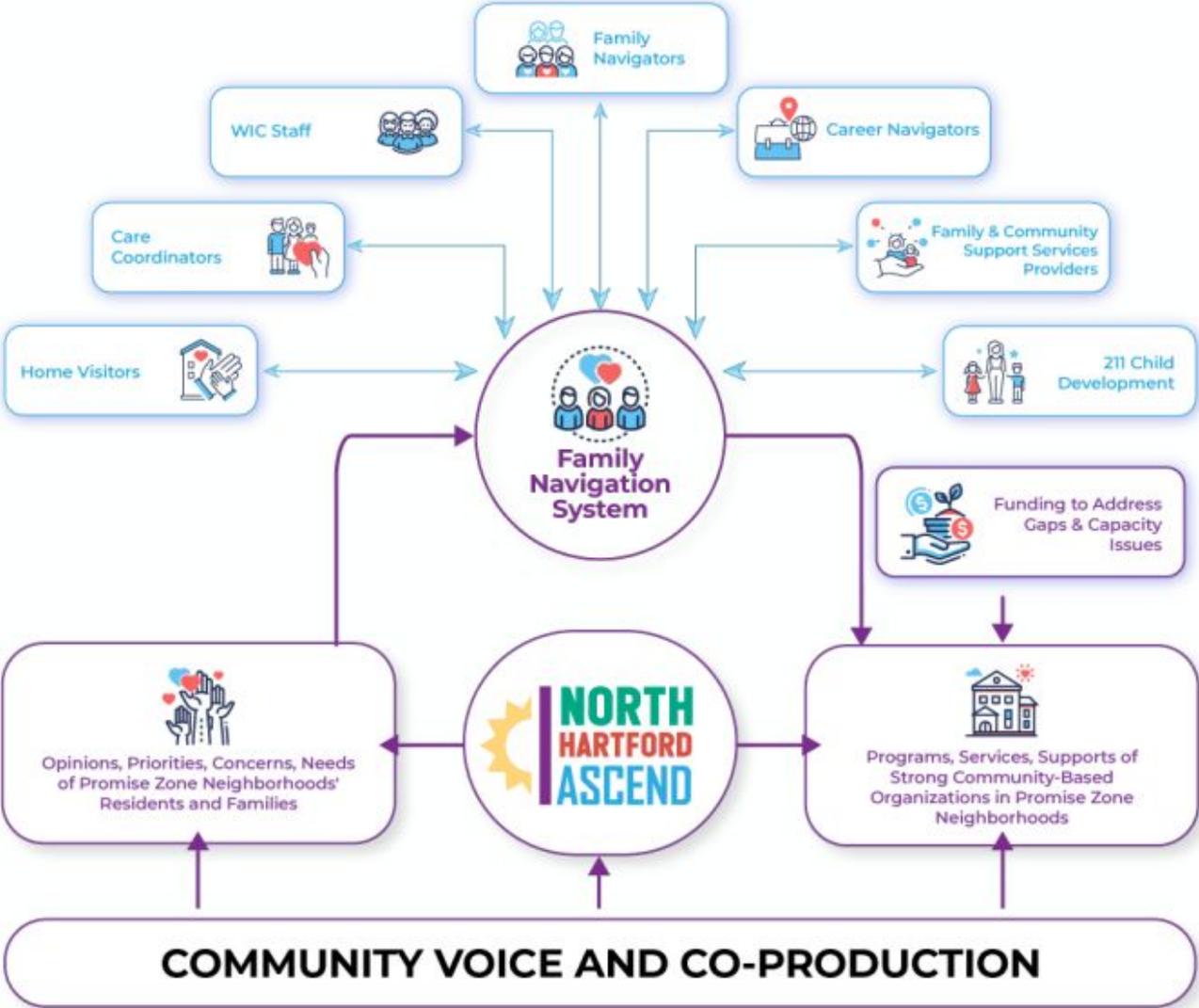


Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of Promise
Zone Neighborhoods'
Residents and Families



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

- Tuesday, [September 23rd](#) from 6:00pm-7:30pm - **Intro to Entrepreneurship** presented by URISE, Inc. at the Bennett Building
- Thursday, [September 25th](#) from 6:00pm-7:30pm - **Becoming the Grown-up They Need – Growing as a Caregiver** presented by the KJR Consulting at Parker Memorial Community Center
- Thursday, [October 2nd](#) from 6:00pm-7:30pm - **Basic Business Plan Essentials** presented by URISE, Inc. at the Bennett Building
- Wednesday, [October 8th](#) from 6:00pm-7:30pm - **Plant Your Roots** presented by Positive Vibes Plant Lounge at Parker Memorial Community Center

Workshops



Ascend & Community Updates



Community Representatives 2026

Community Representatives provide input, make recommendations, and share expertise to help design and implement North Hartford Ascend.

- Leadership Team
- Partner Engagement
- Family Navigation & System Building
- Community & Family Engagement
- Data & Evaluation

Applications for 2026 are open now - October 17th

Application





Featured Presenter and Topic

Hartford Public Schools Superintendent & CEO - Dr. Andraé Townsel

Welcome by Assistant Principal Magriz



Discussion Questions



- In what ways do family navigation services benefit our community?
- What is the process for referring individuals to family navigators?
- How can we increase awareness of family navigation services within the community?

Thank You!



- **Next Conversations:**

- **Wednesday, October 15th - Parker Memorial Community Center**
- **Wednesday, November 19th - Parker Memorial Community Center**

- 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

