



# North Hartford Ascend

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Community Conversation

Wednesday, November 20, 2024



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see Alba for translation help.**

# Discussion Guidelines

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- Everyone deserves to be heard.
  - Questions and comments should be added to note cards and shared with Ascend at any time.
- Listen and respond respectfully.
- Let's stay on topic— time is limited, so let's value each other's time.
- Successful dialogue is the responsibility of all participants.

# Agenda

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- Welcome & Guidelines
- Ascend Overview
- Featured Presenter and Topic: CT Data Collaborative
  - Data Walk
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

## Special Guests - Thank you for joining us!

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# North Hartford Ascend: Overview

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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.**

# Department of Education (DOE): Promise Neighborhoods Program

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## Overview

- **Purpose:**

Significantly improve the academic and developmental outcomes of children living in the most distressed communities of the United States, including ensuring school readiness, high school graduation, and access to a community-based continuum of high quality services

- **Strategy:**

Create a pipeline of services – a continuum of supports, services, and opportunities for children from birth through entry into and success in postsecondary education and career attainment.

- **Project Period:**

January 2022 – December 2026

# 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.

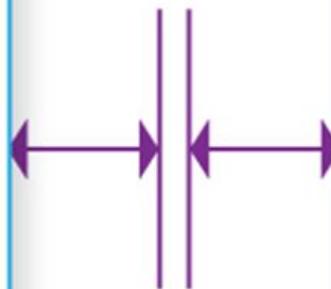
Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning tools.

# Current State

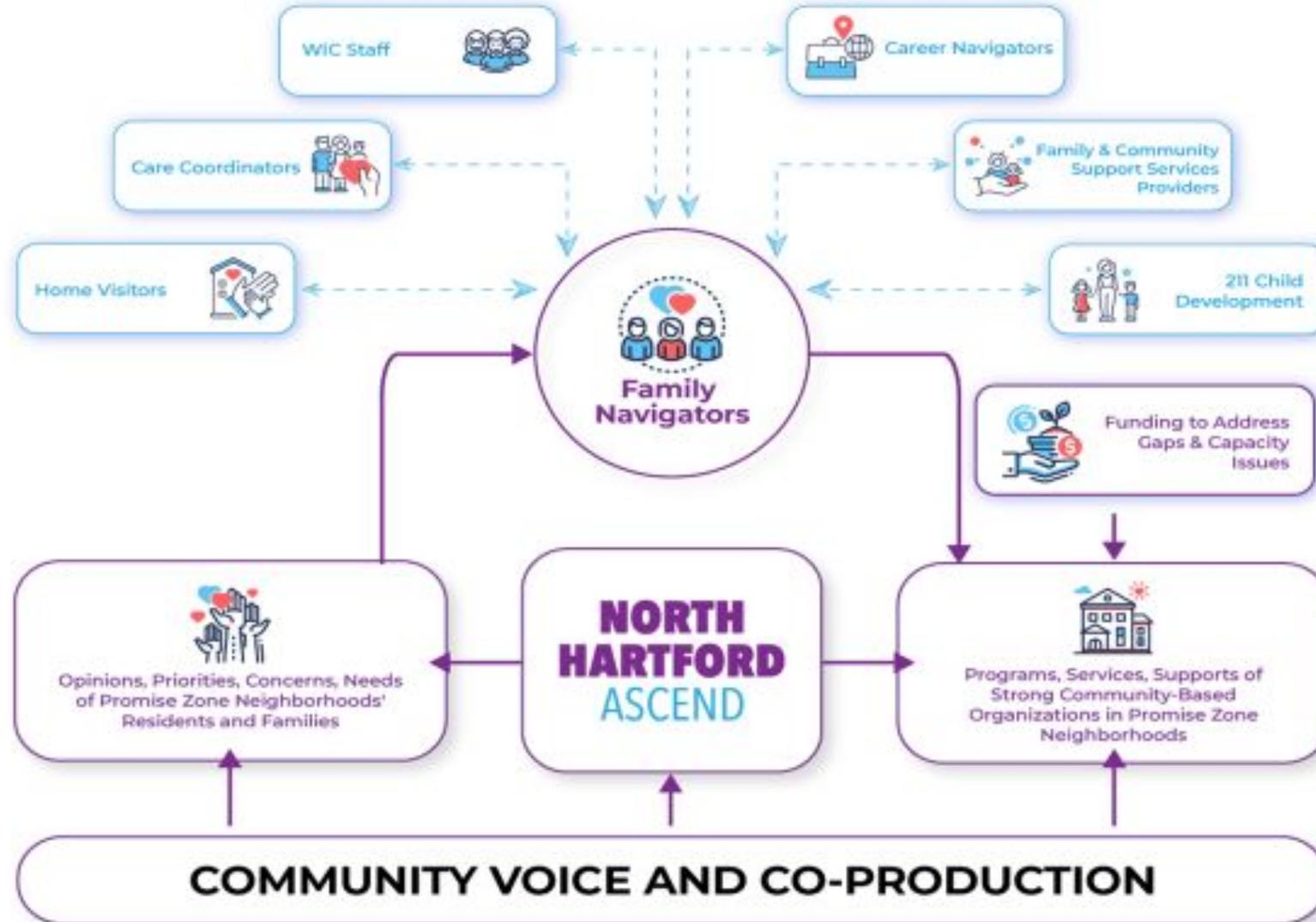


Opinions, Priorities,  
Concerns, Needs of Promise  
Zone Neighborhoods'  
Residents and Families



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

# Ideal State-Ascend System Building



# What is a Data Walk?

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**A structured space and activity where participants, often in a group setting, move through a series of data displays and presentations.**

During a data walk, participants will:

- Explore data at different stations.
- Ask questions and interact with presenters.
- Reflect on trends, patterns and share insights.

# The Data Stations

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- **Program Data:** 2+ years of service provider data and findings from Ascend partners.
- **Community Resource Map:** Discover how to use the Ascend Resource Mapping Tool to access valuable community resources.
- **Community Data:** Review trends on key community indicators (like HS graduation rates).
- **Meet the Ascend Family Navigators:** Learn about their role and process.
- **Informed Consent:** Learn about the informed consent process.

# Goals

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- **Community Input & Insights:** Feedback to drive continuous improvement in data collection and reporting.
- **Enhancing Community Engagement in Data:** Suggestions for making data more meaningful to you.
- **Action Strategies:** Ideas to inspire action and change.
- **Stronger Collaboration:** Build stronger partnerships with the community.

# Data Walk Guide

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- **Five Stations:** Each featuring posters/slides and a presenter.
- **Guided Walkthrough:** Presenters will lead you through the content at each station.
- **Flexible Timing:** Feel free to spend as much time as you need at each station. We recommend staying for the full presentation before moving to the next.
- **Mid-Session Arrival:** If you join in the middle of a session, please wait a few minutes for the next cycle to begin.
- **Engage & Interact:** Ask questions, share your insights, and provide feedback during the presentations.
- **Take Your Time:** Process the information at your own pace, and revisit any station as needed.
- **Share your feedback:** Please write your feedback and questions at the feedback sheet at each station.

**Your questions, insights, and suggestions are incredibly valuable and help us improve!**

- At each station, you'll find easel pads and sticky notes to share your feedback before moving on to the next.
- Each easel pad has four sections for feedback:
  - What did you learn at this station?
  - What would you like to learn more about in the future?
  - What questions do you still have about the presentation?
  - Share any insights, recommendations, or suggestions not covered by the previous questions.

# Thank You!

## Next Conversation:

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

- 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 Ally McGinty at [amcginty@unitedwayinc.org](mailto:amcginty@unitedwayinc.org) with any questions.
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