



North Hartford Ascend

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Community Conversation

Wednesday, November 18, 2025



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

**Spanish interpretation services are available. Please
see Alba for translation help.**

Agenda



- Welcome & Guidelines
- Featured Topic: Raise the Bar - Goals After High School
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: January 21, 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 Raise the Bar Passport to the check-in table and complete the online survey.

North Hartford Ascend: Overview

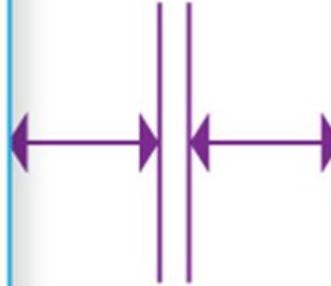


Connect children and families, prenatal through career, living in the **North Hartford Promise Zone** to the programs, services and other resources they need to **reach their full potential.**

Current State

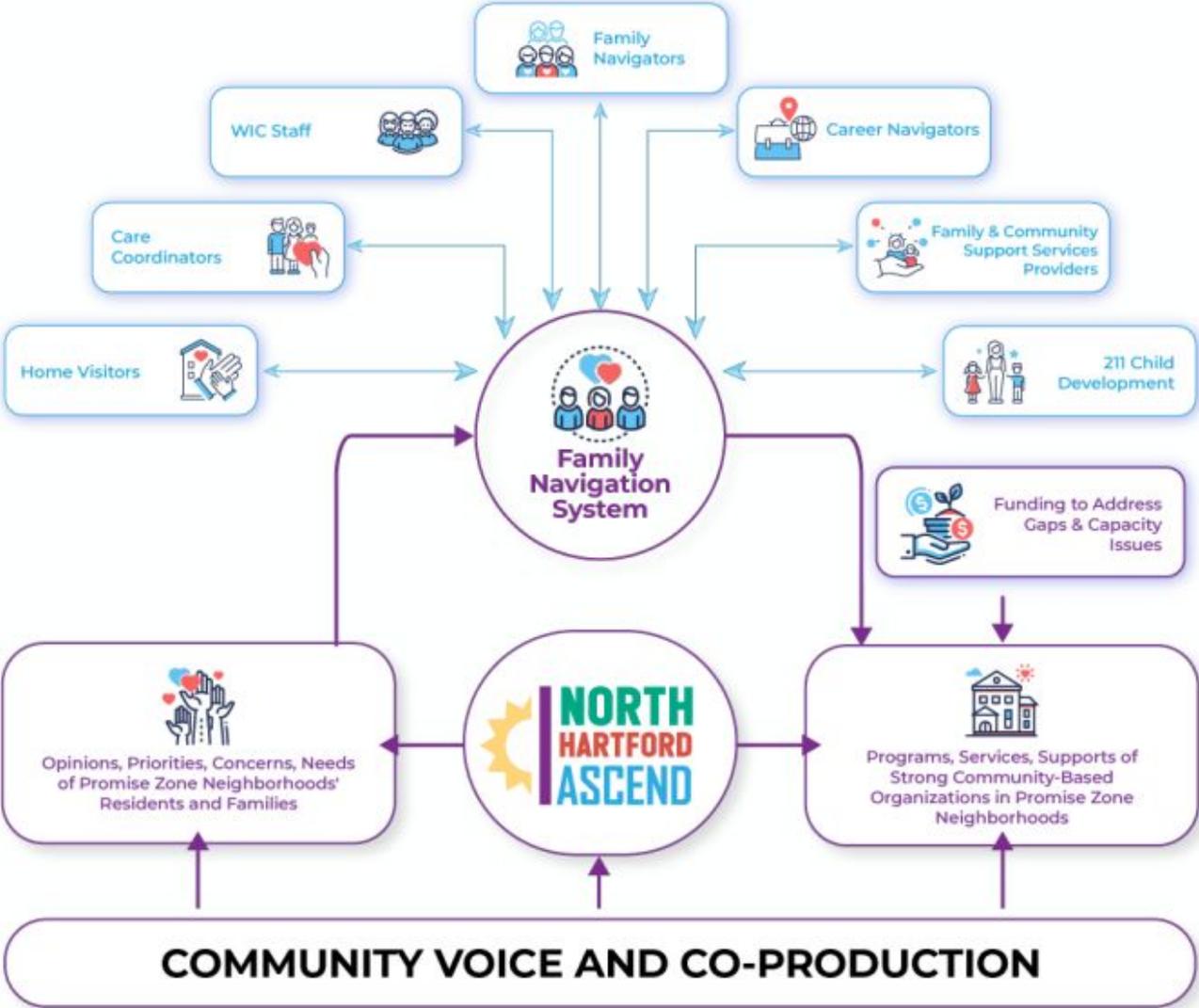


Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of Promise
Zone Neighborhoods'
Residents and Families



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





Raise the Bar: Goals After High School



Connecting with the Community



- **High School Graduation Transition**
 - Topic for Community Conversation in November

- **Summer Programs Resource Fair**
 - Topic for Community Conversation in February or March

- **Early Childhood Services Information session**
 - Topic for Community Conversation in April

- **Community Resource Fair**
 - Join June Community Resource Fair

What to Expect?



- Providers offering important information
 - What you and your child should be doing now to prepare you for what's next
 - Sign up process (Dates, things you may need to do before hand)
 - Figuring out how to pay
 - Make a connection
- Other information:
 - Post -Secondary Road Map
 - Scholarship Information

What Should You Do?



Check out each table:

- Get Informed
- Make connections
- Leave here with a plan

Ask questions like:

- What is the application process?
- How much does it cost?
- What are steps that I should take now?



Featured Presenter and Topic TBD



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, January 21, 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

