



North Hartford Ascend

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Community Conversation

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

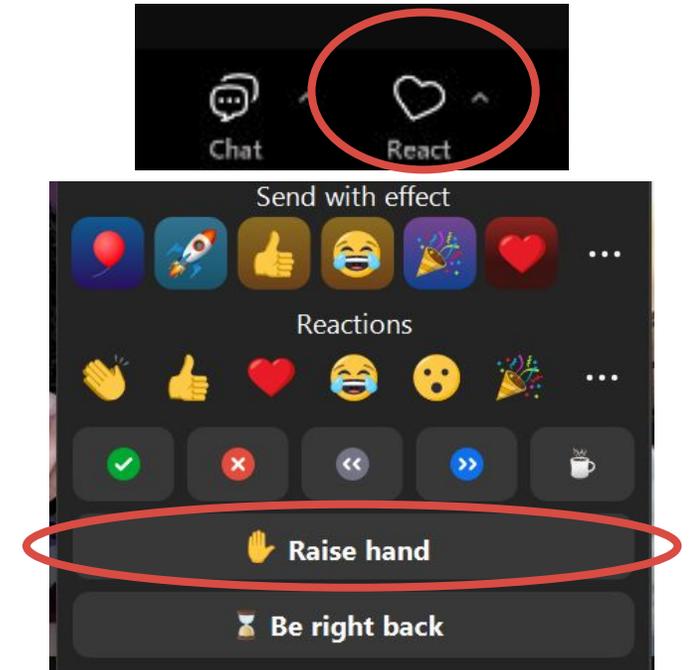


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Incentive Available to Hartford Residents

Let us know in the chat:

Why are you attending today's meeting?

Agenda



- Welcome & Guidelines
- Ascend Overview
- Featured Presenter and Topic: The Village for Families and Children
- Discussion
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 30th**

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.**

Department of Education (DOE): Promise Neighborhoods Program



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.

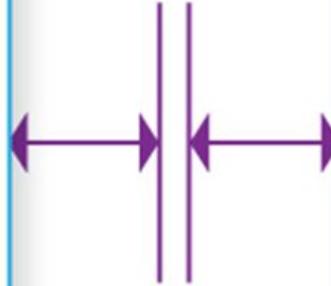
Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21st century learning tools.

Current State

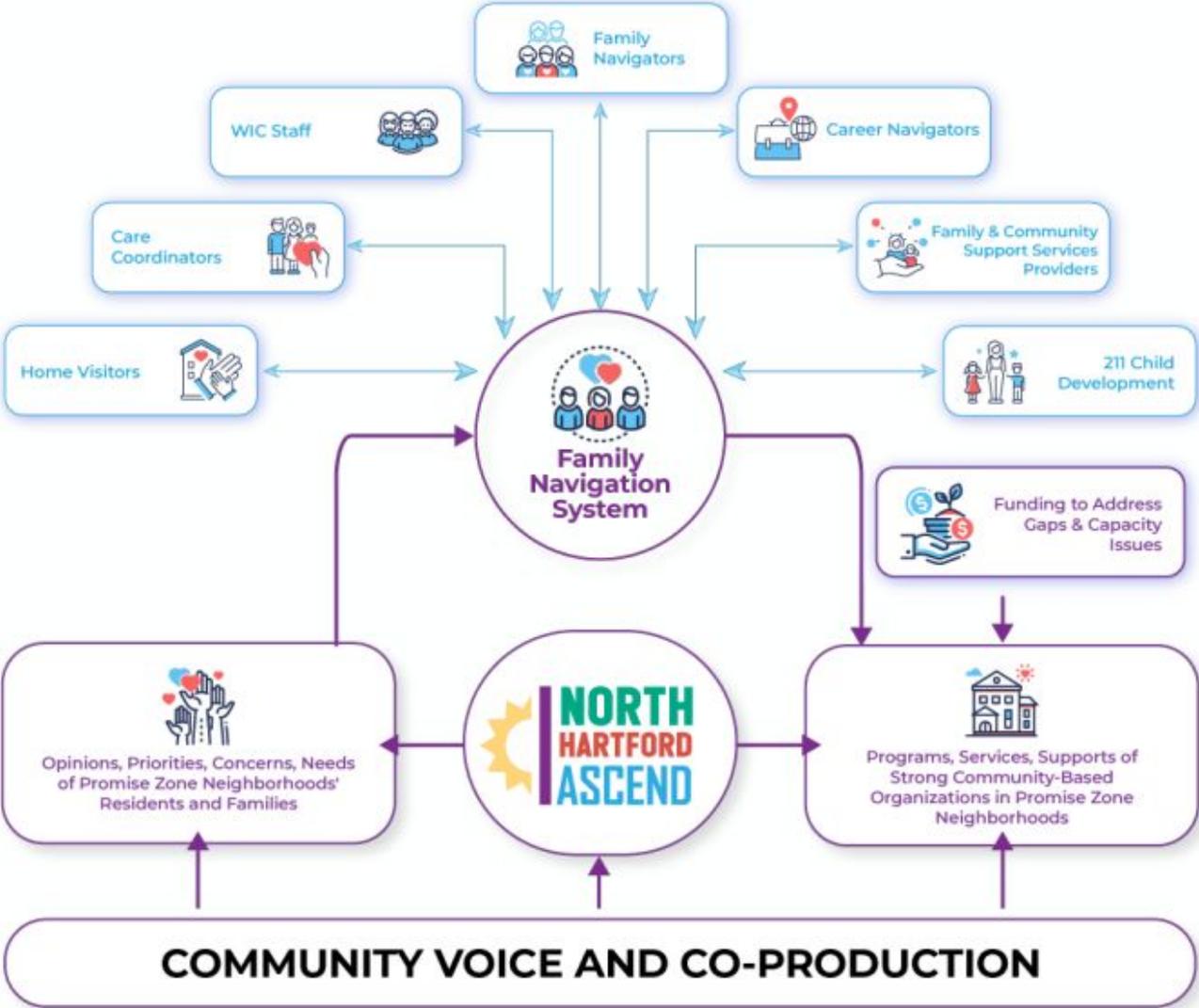


Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of Promise
Zone Neighborhoods'
Residents and Families



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

Ideal State-Ascend System Building



Ascend & Community Updates

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Community Workshops: In-Person

- 4/16 from 6:00pm-7:30pm - [Using Emotional Intelligence to Build Stronger Connections](#) presented by KJR at Parker Memorial Community Center
- 4/23 from 5:30-7:00pm - [LGBTQ+ Youth \(and How to Support Them\)](#) presented by Q Plus at Parker Memorial Community Center

Community Events:

- Link in Chat: [Upcoming Community Event Flyers](#)
- Share other community events that are happening in the chat!



Featured Presenter and Topic

The Village for Families and Children: Family Navigators



Family Navigators

The Village for Families and Children, Inc.

Norma Pizarro Program Supervisor



Ascend Goal

- The North Hartford Ascend Pipeline is a cradle-to-career effort to ensure children living in the North Hartford Promise Zone – which includes the Clay Arsenal, Northeast, and Upper Albany neighborhoods – have the supports they need to reach their full potential.



Call out box

Where real change happens



Ascend Family Navigators

- Are embedded in the community to serve North Hartford families from prenatal to career pipeline to ensure overall student academic success and school attendance
- Engage, outreach, and recruit families
- Screen, refer and connect families to services within their neighborhoods

Where real change happens



Ascend connects families

We are assisting families navigate through the following, but not limited to resources:

- Housing instability
- Food insecurity
- Financial Instability
- Mental/ Behavior concerns
- Basic needs assistance
- Youth violence
- Childcare
- Immigration assistance
- Primary care physician
- Other services to remove barriers

Where real change happens



Top Referrals 4 Types in the Last 6 months

- Basic Needs
- Housing Assistance
- Food/ Nutrition
- Employment

Where real change happens



Referrals

How can you refer families?

- Email ascend@thevillage.org
 - Add the parent's name, phone number, and needs in the body of the email.

Interested in other Village programs?

- Visit the Village Website at www.thevillage.org or dial 860.236.4511



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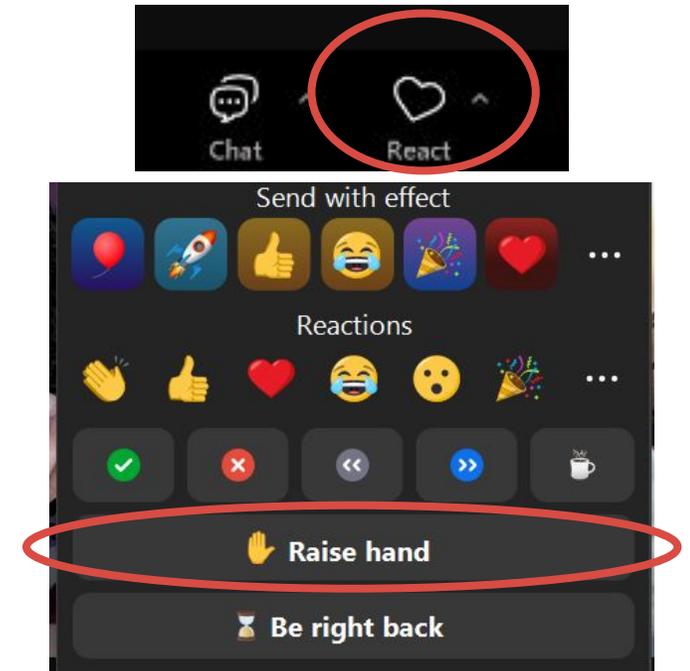
Questions?

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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 Conversation: Wednesday, April 30, 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 with any questions.
- Feedback or questions? Contact nhap@connecticutchildrens.org or share your thoughts in the open [Community Feedback and Ideas Form](#) at any time.

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