



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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Please remember to select your language on the globe at the bottom of your screen for simultaneous interpretation. From your cell phone, touch the 3 dots and select your language.

Incentive Available to Hartford Residents

Discussion Guidelines

- Everyone deserves to be heard.
 - Online: Turn your camera on (we would love to see you), and keep your mic muted unless you're speaking.
 - Don't be afraid to use the chat!
- 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

- Welcome & Guidelines
- Ascend Announcements
- Ascend Overview
- September Community Conversations Questions
- Get Involved
- Provider & Partner Engagement
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
 - **November 15th Meeting: In-Person featuring the Office of Family and Community Partnerships at Hartford Public Schools**

Ascend Announcements: FourteenG



Be the Face of North Hartford Ascend!



Calling North Hartford Promise Zone Residents:

- Adults
- Young Adults
- Children

Join us for an exciting
Photoshoot to capture the real
spirit of our community!

*Participants will be provided
with a cash incentive for
their participation.*

Potential Photoshoot Locations:

(In the North Hartford Promise Zone Areas)

- Schools
- Community Landmarks
- Parks

**Scan the QR Code
to Sign Up!**

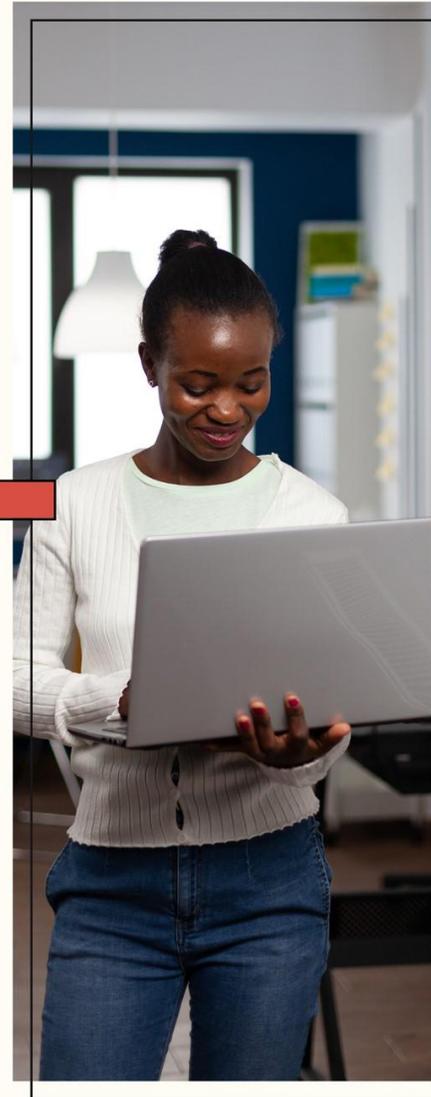


Please take our Community Branding Questionnaire

We need your help in capturing North Hartford Ascend's visions & values to assist us in building a vibrant brand identity that will resonate with the community.

Questions will cover the following topics:

- Colors
- Logo Type
- Font Type
- Feedback & Ideas



Join Us in Branding North Hartford Ascend

Are you a creative student, resident, or artist from the North Hartford Promise Zone?

We're seeking talented designers to help define our community's brand.

Participants will be provided with a cash incentive for their participation.

Qualifications:

- Must have computer access
- Working knowledge of **Adobe Illustrator**
- Portfolio (*Preferred*)
- Availability to meet for **One-Day Workshop (4 Hours)**
- Interest in Branding and/or Graphic Design.

Scan the QR Code to apply



Ascend Community Workshops



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NORTH HARTFORD ASCEND PIPELINE
PRESENTS

Hartford

PEOPLE, POWER, & CHANGE
*Introduction to
Community Organizing Training*

When: October 21st, 2023
9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Parker Memorial
2621 Main St. Hartford, CT 06120

Limited Seating /Registration Required
Refreshments Provided
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AGENDA
Introductions | Icebreaker | Intro to Power | Teamwork | Campaign Development | Relationship Building | Lunch | Team Discussion | Debrief

FOR MORE CONTACT INFO:
Community Organizing Department
lovejoyk@bluehillscivic.org
(860) 560-7360
Register at:
<https://forms.gle/7PPZwVcRQj3p3WxZ9>



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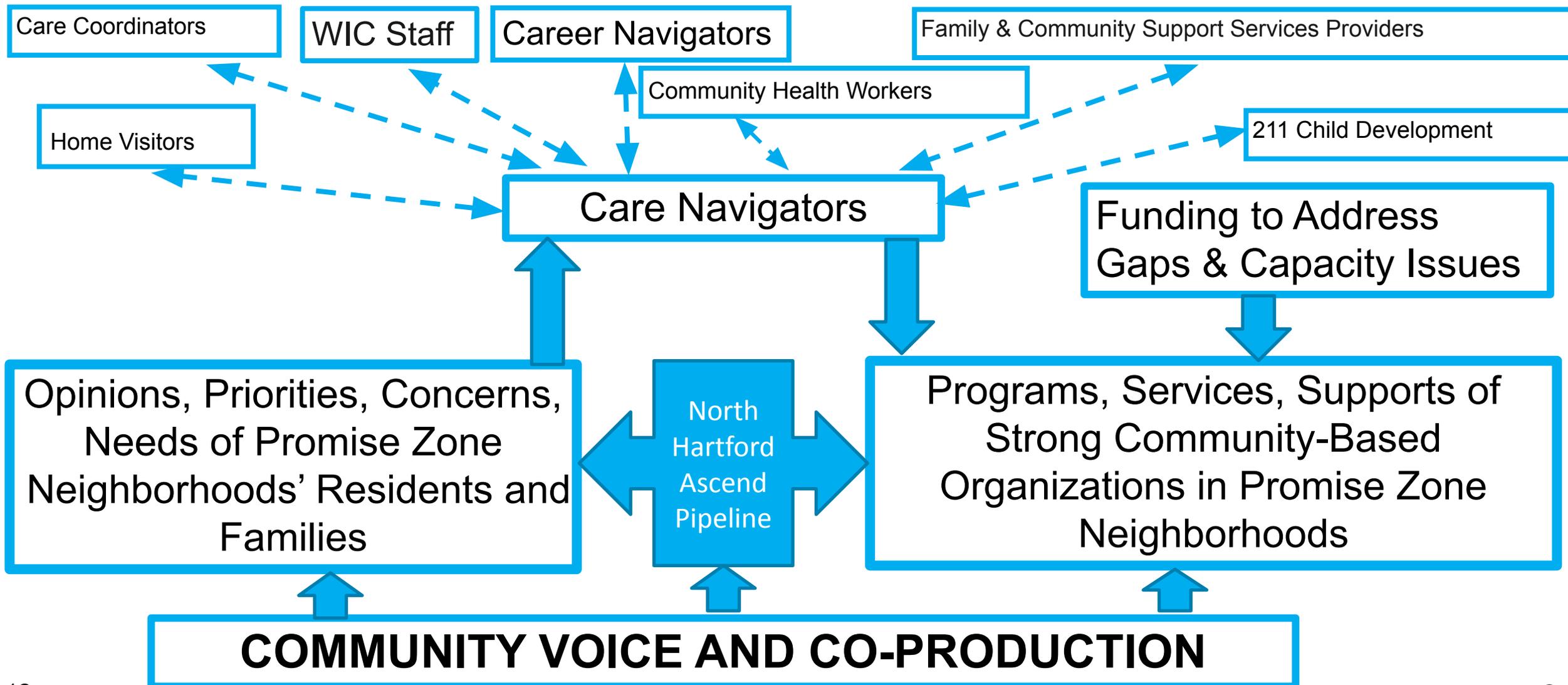
Purpose

Ascend provides access to children and families to the services and supports they need to reach their full potential from Cradle to Career.

Ideal State-Ascend System Building



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September Community Conversations Questions

- What does Ascend do?
- How is Ascend helping strengthen community organizations?
- What resources does Ascend provide to strengthen advocacy and leadership skills?
- How can the community know more about current Ascend activities?
- Who are Ascend partners and providers?
- How does a group join Ascend?

Community Question: What does Ascend do?

What does Ascend do?

Ascend **DOES**

1. Create easy pathways for families to access services
 - Care Navigators such as HPS FCSSPs and The Village Family Navigators help connect families to resources
2. Bring Hartford programs and services together
 - Improved collaboration among providers means an easier transition between services
 - Communication reveals what community needs are not being met so partners can work to address them
3. Strengthen Hartford programs and services
 - Community feedback on improvement areas goes directly to providers
 - Possibly provide funding to help solve issues and close gaps
 - Capacity building and training

Community Question:
What resources does Ascend provide to strengthen
advocacy and leadership skills?

Community Skill Building

Ascend Community Workshops - opportunities for residents to build skills and learn strategies to become effective community leaders.

- CTData Collaborative offered How to Interpret, Access, & Use Hartford Data on Thursday, October 12th
- Blue Hills Civic Association presents [People, Power, & Change](#): Introduction to Community Organizing on Saturday, October 21st at Parker Memorial
- Upcoming workshops from Advocacy to Legacy, Leadership Greater Hartford, and more to come!
- Have an idea for a presenter or request for a workshop topic? Contact amcginty@unitedwayinc.org



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Community Question:
How can the community know more about current
Ascend activities?

Current Ascend Outreach Activities

- Community Representatives and Resident & Community Advisory Group members are direct connections to Ascend embedded within the community.
- Upcoming newsletter will plan to share updates from Ascend workgroups on current activities and future plans.
- Outreach and tabling - invite us to your event!
- Social Media - Like Us on [Facebook](#) at North Hartford Ascend
- Ask here! We hope to provide more opportunities to answer the questions you have about Ascend in Community Conversations and beyond.

Community Question:
How will Ascend help strengthen community
organizations?

Strengthening Community Organizations

Feedback from the community is used to improve programs and services

- Resident Community Advisory Group members collect and share community perspectives
- Share your thoughts in the open [Community Feedback and Ideas Form](#) at any time
- Bring ideas to these Community Conversations

CBO Capacity Building - Ascend partners will be provided a professional development opportunity to build community engagement skills.

Community Question:
Who are Ascend partners and providers?
How does a group join Ascend?

Ascend Partners & Programs

- City of Hartford
- Community First School
- Community Health Services
- Connecticut Children's
- CT Data Collaborative
- FourteenG
- Hartford Health Initiative
- Hartford Promise
- Hartford Public Schools
- Intercommunity Health Care
- San Juan Center
- The Children's Museum
- The Village for Families & Children
- UConn Health Center
- United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut
- United Way of Connecticut
- University of Hartford Center for Social Research

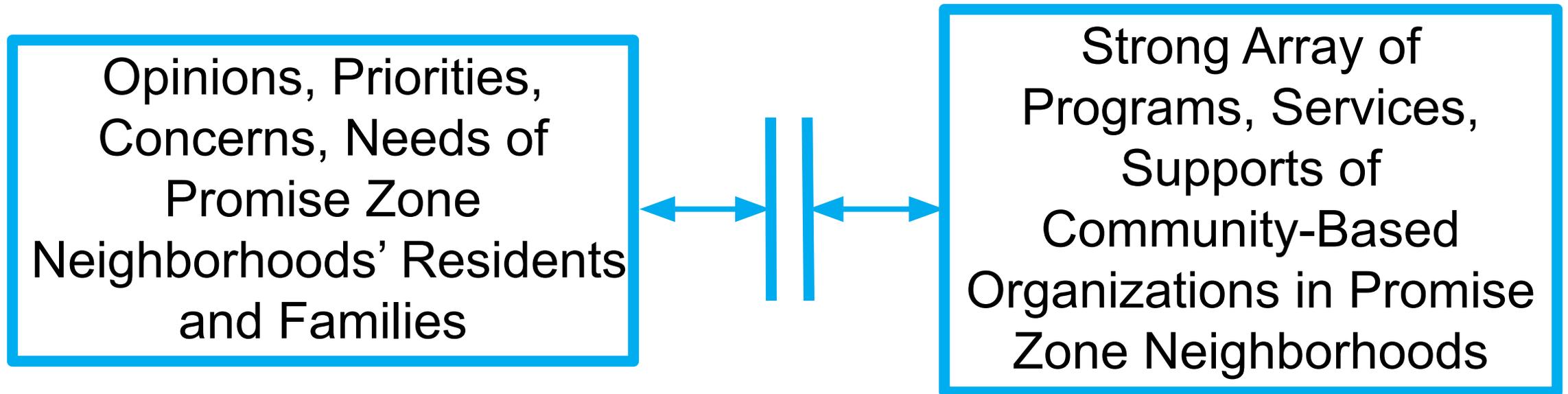
Discussion Questions

- What other questions do you have about Ascend?
- Do you know how to contact Ascend to provide feedback?
- What would you like to know that wasn't shared today?
- If we had a brick & Mortar location where would you like that to be?
- When individuals are looking for information, resources, such as housing, childcare, etc. where is that information obtain

Thank You!

- **Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, November 15th at 6pm IN-PERSON location TBC**
- Are you interested in facilitating or taking notes during future Community Conversation breakout groups? Contact Ally McGinty at amcginty@unitedwayinc.org to sign up for the Facilitating and Note-taking Workshop.
- Please take the [Post Meeting Feedback & Incentive Survey](#) to share your thoughts and feedback. An incentive is available to Hartford community members participating in this meeting. The link is posted in the chat and will be sent out via email. Contact Ally McGinty at amcginty@unitedwayinc.org with any questions.
- Feedback or questions? Contact nhap@connecticutchildrens.org.

Current State



U.S. DOE Promise Neighborhood 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.

Program Name

People served & Outcomes

- *How many people does the program serve overall and in the Promise Zone neighborhoods (if data is available)*
- *What have past recipients experienced*
- *Eligibility*

Program Name

How to get connected

- *If more info is available, add websites, QR codes, etc to this slide*
- *What to expect after initial encounter*
- *How to reach program*

