



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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Introductions and Ice Breaker

Agenda

- Promise Neighborhoods Program Review
- Community Planning: Bright Spots and Plans
- Governance Overview
- Breakout Discussions
- Report Out
- Final Reflections & Closing Remarks

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 3, details TBD

Goal of This Meeting

1. Community Engagement Progress Update
2. NHAP Governance and Recruitment Input

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.

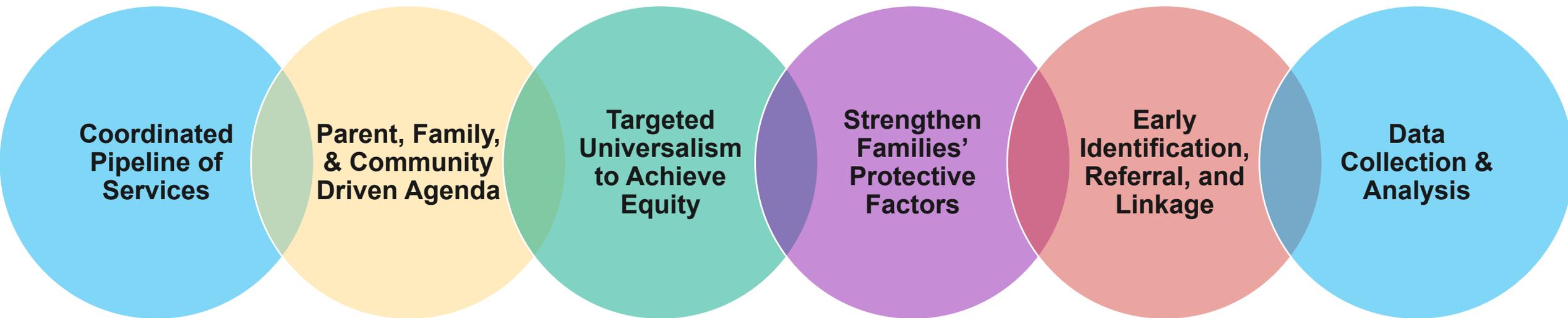
Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21st century learning tools.

Goal: Build an integrated and coordinated pipeline of services and supports with the community that helps children and families reach their full potential.

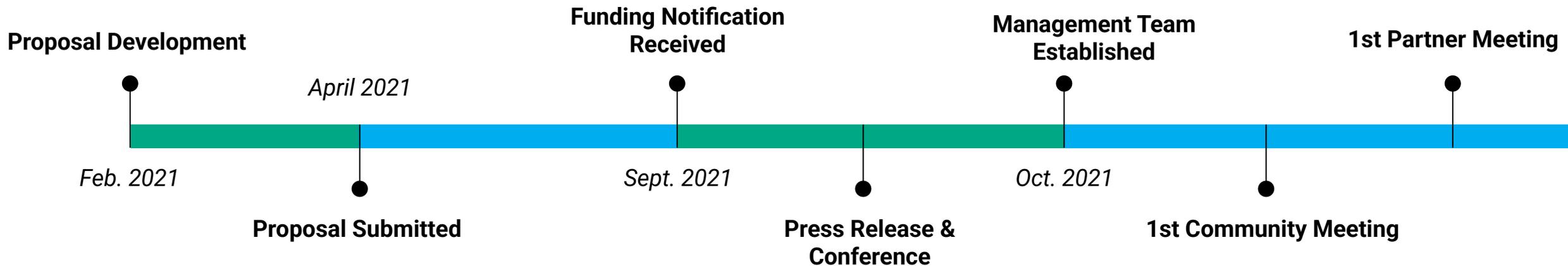
North Hartford Ascend Pipeline (Ascend)

Place-based initiative that integrates achievement-oriented schools and vital, evidence-based social and community services within a networked prenatal through career pipeline.

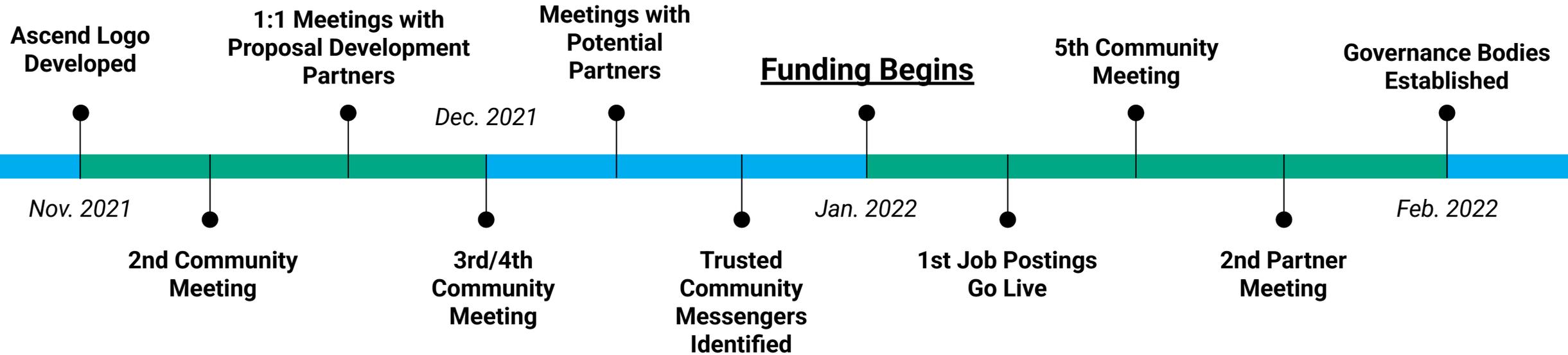


Where are we now?

Bright Spots and Progress on Key Activities



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In addition to the work outlined in the timeline:

- 4 community meetings connected over 120 individuals to this initiative
- Identified 18 community members and residents to serve as Trusted Community Messengers - Community Meeting Facilitators
- Trusted Messenger - Community Meeting Facilitator Job Description, training credentials and stipend planning in progress (target in Q1)

Governance

Governing Bodies

- *Management Team*: facilitate and implement operational and administrative aspects of Ascend, such as contract and budget management.
- *Leadership Team*: facilitate planning, design, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of Ascend.
- *Community and Resident Advisory Group*: inform planning, design, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of Ascend.
- *Data Collection and Evaluation Work Group*: guide data collection, quality improvement, and evaluation.
- *Family Navigation System Building Work Group*: guide communication, coordination, collaboration, and share practices among service providers.
- *Community and Resident Engagement Work Group*: solicit and elevate community and resident input, voice, perspective and priorities and coordinate outreach and engagement activities.
- *Action Teams*: existing groups that align with pipeline domains and can inform the design, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of Ascend.
- *Advocacy Team*: elevate visibility, awareness, and understanding of Ascend.

Discussions

Ground Rules for our Discussion

- Everyone deserves to be heard and everyone should have an opportunity to speak.
 - Online: Keep your camera on (if possible), and keep your mic muted unless you are speaking.
- Listen and respond respectfully.
- Stick to the issue – time is limited, so let's value each other's time.
- Respect each other's privacy – keep personal stories in the group.
- Successful dialogue is the responsibility of all participants
- Is there anything we need to add?

Discussion Questions

1. How should we identify community members and residents to participate in governance?
2. What support will community members and residents need to participate in governance (capacity, training, etc.)?
3. What resources will community members and residents need to participate in governance (stipend, childcare, etc.)
4. Where do community members and residents go when they need information or have a problem?
 - Pregnancy through Preschool and/or daycare
 - PK through 12 education
 - Post High School and college education, training, and career development
 - Health, safety, and well-being - basic needs (food, housing, transportation)
 - Community engagement, leadership, and volunteerism

Report Out - Governance and Info Sharing

Within this context, a facilitator acts to:

- Listen more, talk less – actively listen to the contributions of group members while remaining neutral and refraining from sharing their own personal views
- Participants are the experts – Allow group participants to serve as the experts on their own experiences
- Establish and maintain ground rules for participating in the discussion
- Promote an open, respectful, and productive conversation - ensure all voices are heard!
- Ensure equal participation/turn taking – Ensure everyone has a chance to speak and that no one person takes over the discussion
- Inspire conversation on the topic at hand, including eliciting counter-perspectives and an unbiased consideration of the pros and cons of all ideas, both those that are thought to be shared as common knowledge and those that are novel or controversial
- Keep track of time and move the dialogue along and keep the discussion on task
- Build on previous ideas to facilitate the generation and evaluation of new ideas

Thank you!

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- Not using these slides, but didn't want to delete – can use to onboard community members and residents that participate in governance

Bright Spots and Progress on Key Activities



Feb. 2021	April 2021	Sept. 2021		Oct. 2021	
<p><i>Community Partners Engaged in Proposal Development</i></p> <p>Fourteen community-based organizations and service providers are engaged as partners in the grant application.</p>	<p><i>Application Submitted</i></p> <p>North Hartford's application for the Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods Program is submitted.</p>	<p><i>Award Notification</i></p> <p>Connecticut Children's receives notification from the U.S. Department of Education that the Promise Neighborhoods grant has been funded.</p>	<p><i>Press Release & Conference</i></p> <p>Press release is published and press conference is held at Parker Memorial to inform the public about the award.</p>	<p><i>Management Team is Established</i></p> <p>The Ascend Management Team is established and begins meeting regularly to refine the work plan for a successful launch.</p>	<p><i>1st Community Meeting</i></p> <p>The 1st Community Town Hall is held for residents and community members to learn, ask questions, and voice concerns about the grant.</p>

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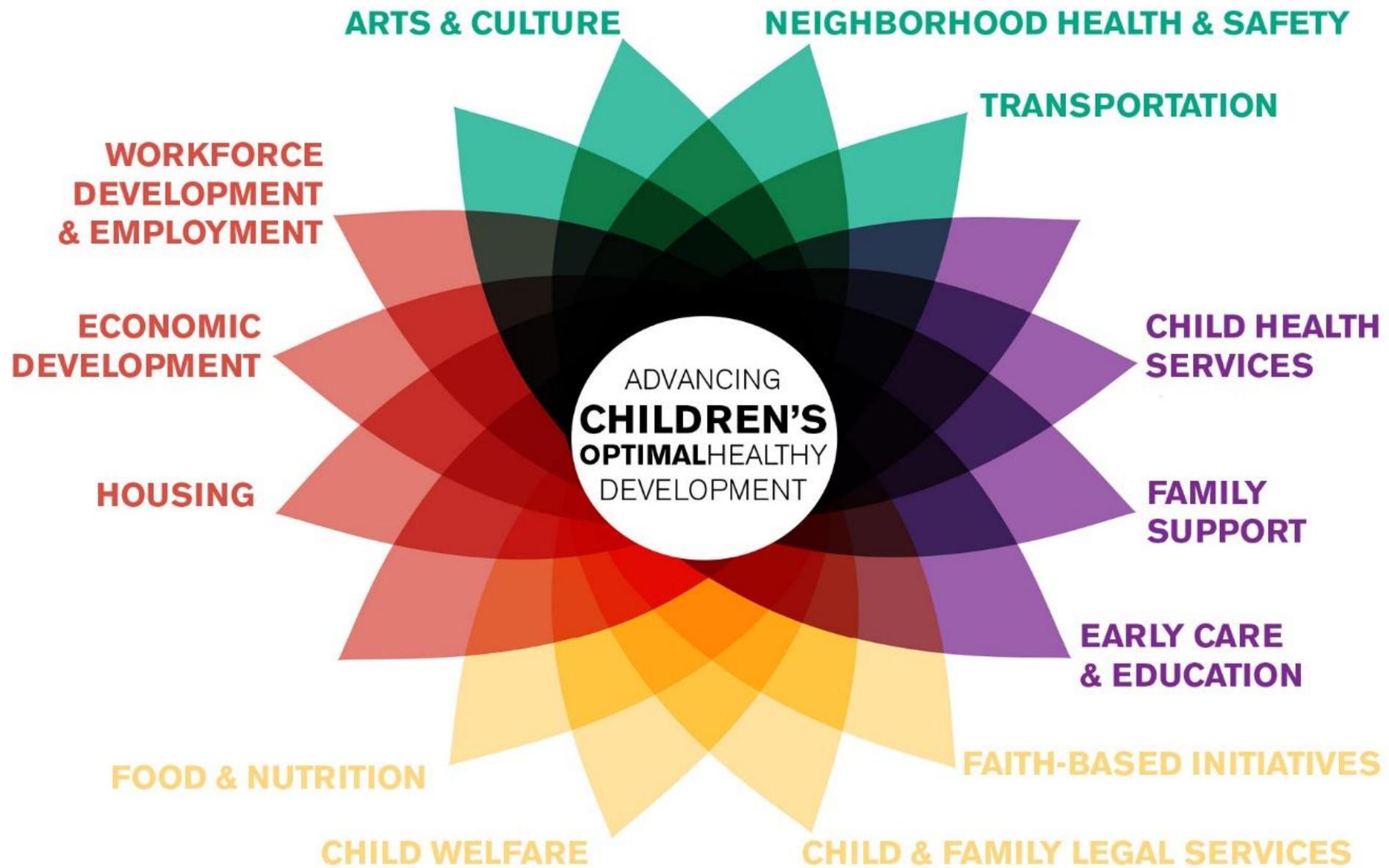


Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022				
<p>Community Messengers Identified</p> <p>Fourteen community-based organizations and service providers are engaged as partners in the grant application.</p>	<p>D.O.E. Funding Officially Begins</p> <p>North Hartford's application for the Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods Program is submitted.</p>	<p>1st Job Postings Go Live</p> <p>Connecticut Children's receives notification from the U.S. Department of Education that the Promise Neighborhoods grant has been funded.</p>	<p>4th Community Meeting</p> <p>Today's meeting marks the 4th community meeting since notification of funding was received.</p>	<p>2nd Partner Meeting</p> <p>The Ascend Management Team is established and begins meeting regularly to refine the work plan for a successful launch.</p>	<p>Establish Governance Bodies</p> <p>The 1st Community Town Hall is held for residents and community members to learn, ask questions, and voice concerns about the grant.</p>

Bright Spots and Progress on Key Activities



Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021			Dec. 2021	
<p>1st Partner Meeting</p> <p>Fourteen community-based organizations and service providers are engaged as partners in the grant application.</p>	<p>North Hartford Ascend Pipeline Logo is Developed</p> <p>North Hartford's application for the Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods Program is submitted.</p>	<p>2nd Community Meeting</p> <p>Connecticut Children's receives notification from the U.S. Department of Education that the Promise Neighborhoods grant has been funded.</p>	<p>1:1 Meetings with Proposal Development Partners</p> <p>Press release is published and press conference is held at Parker Memorial to inform the public about the award.</p>	<p>3rd Community Meeting</p> <p>The Ascend Management Team is established and begins meeting regularly to refine the work plan for a successful launch.</p>	<p>1:1 Meetings with Potential Partners</p> <p>The 1st Community Town Hall is held for residents and community members to learn, ask questions, and voice concerns about the grant.</p>

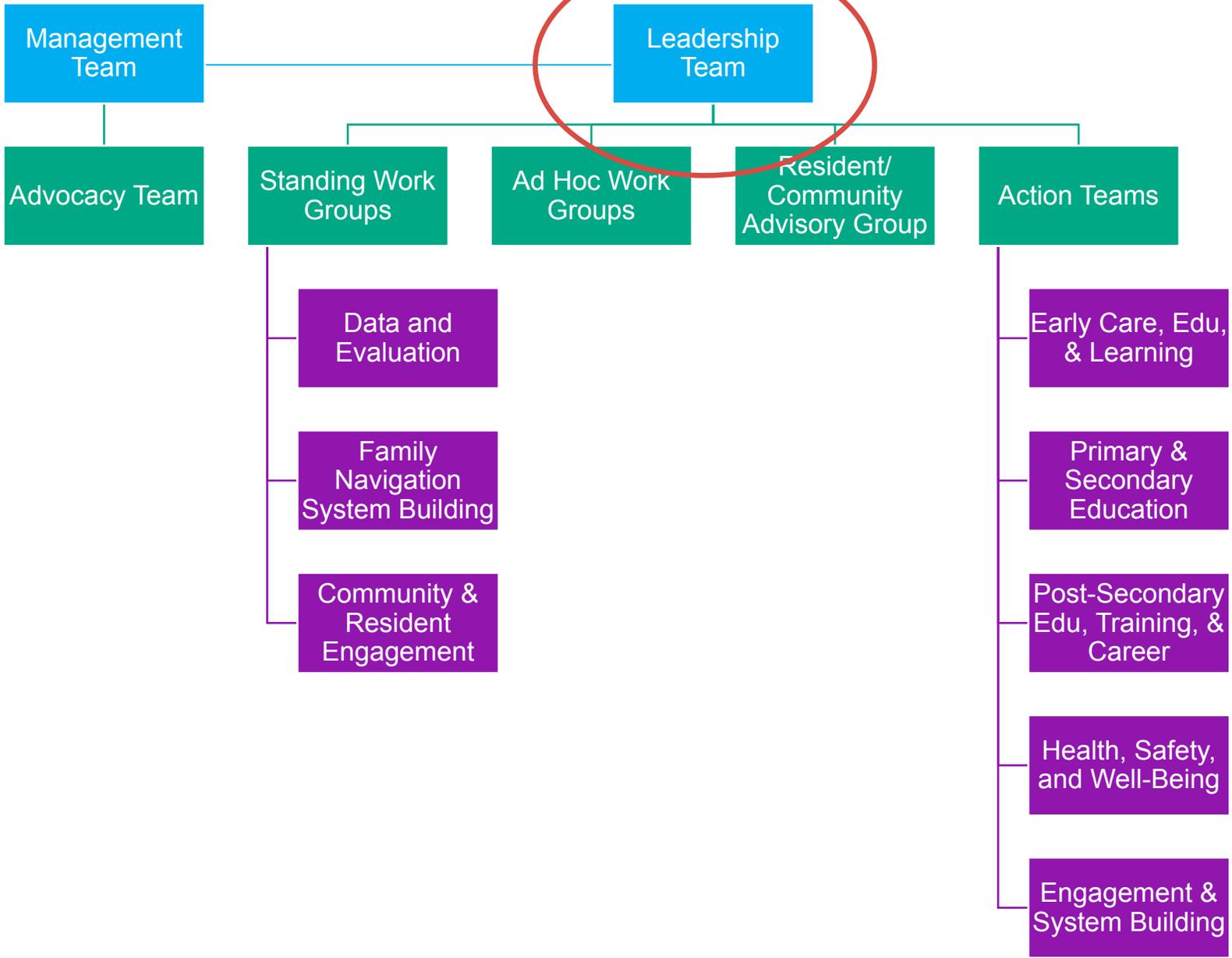


Governance Framework



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 - Clarity
 - Value
 - Inclusivity
 - Support
 - Accountability
- Culture
 - Efficiency
 - Action-oriented
 - Unity
 - Voice



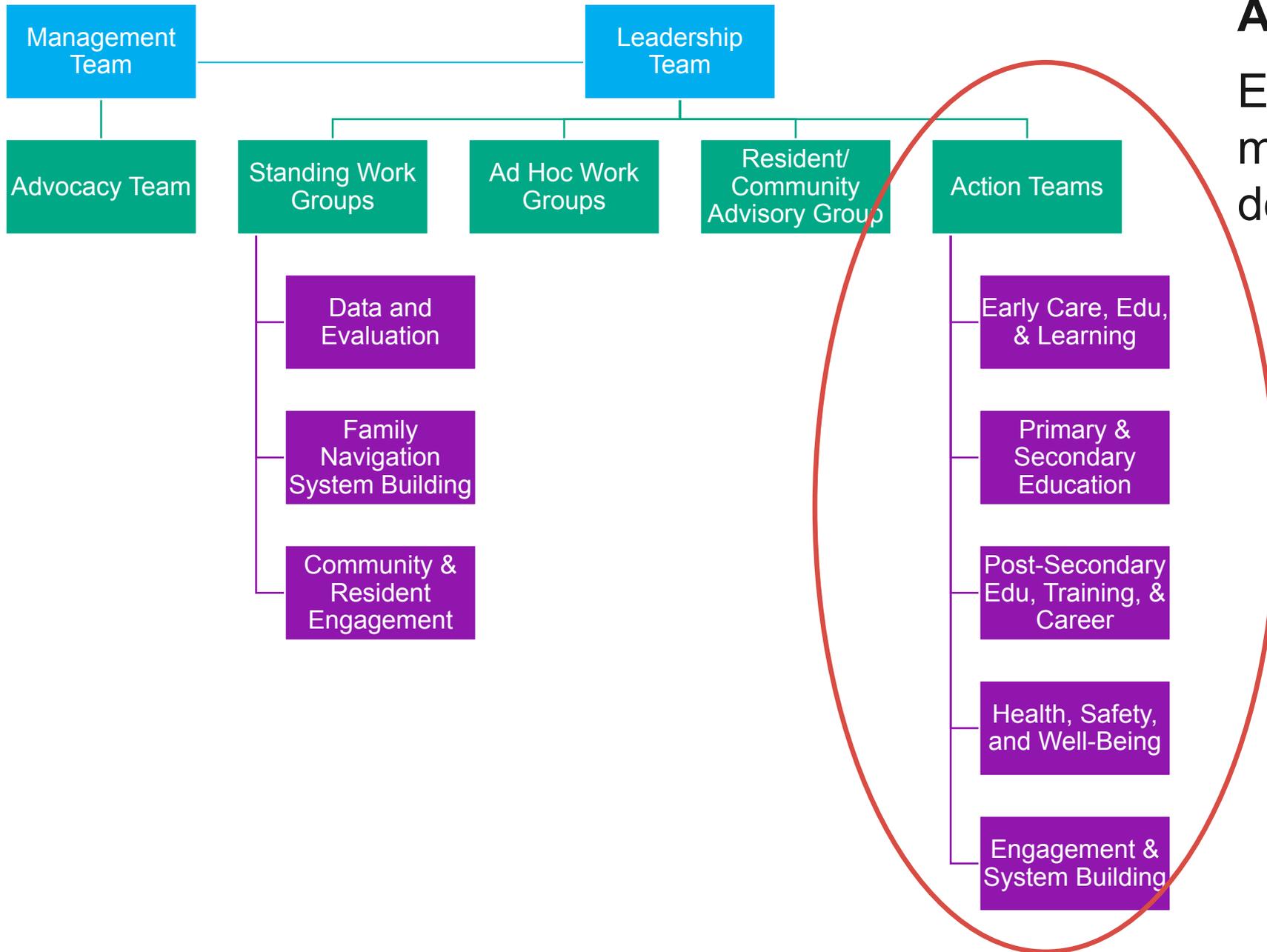


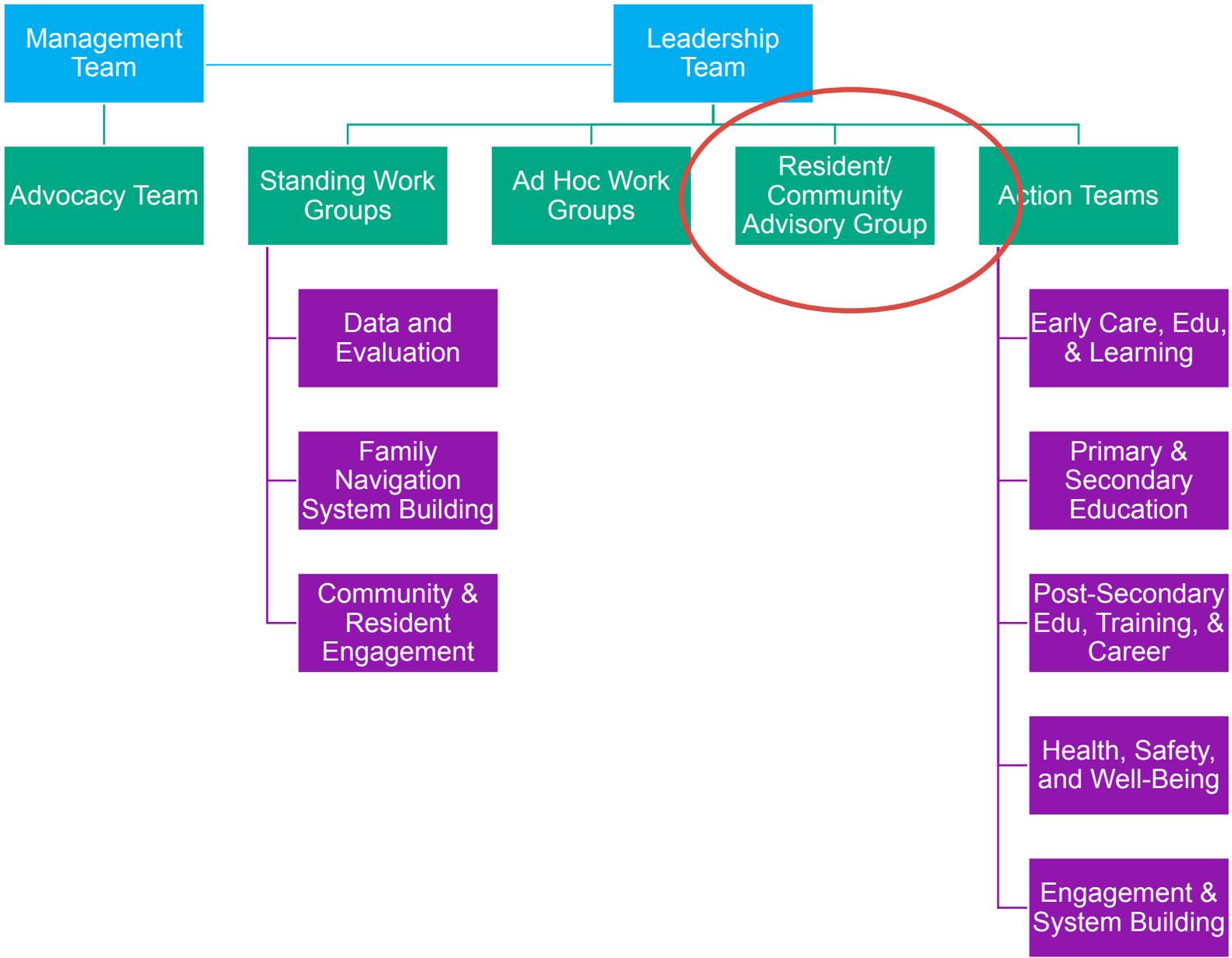
Leadership Team

Plan, design, implement, evaluate, and support sustainability of Ascend.

Action Teams

Existing groups that already meet and align with pipeline domains.

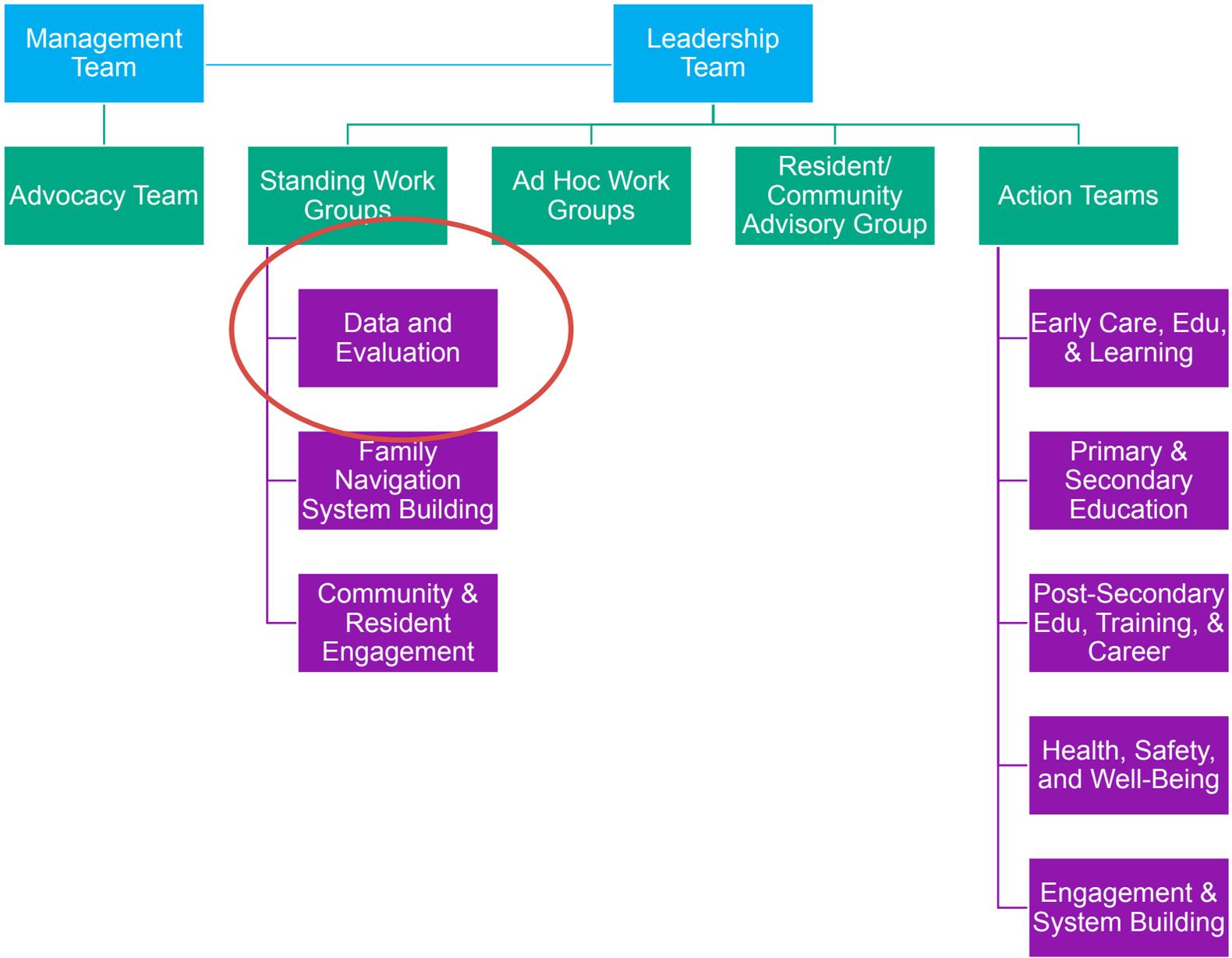




Resident/Community Advisory Group

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Recommend strategic priorities, activities and opportunities for the standing work groups, inform pipeline services, quality improvement opportunities, resident and community engagement strategies, identify gaps, etc.

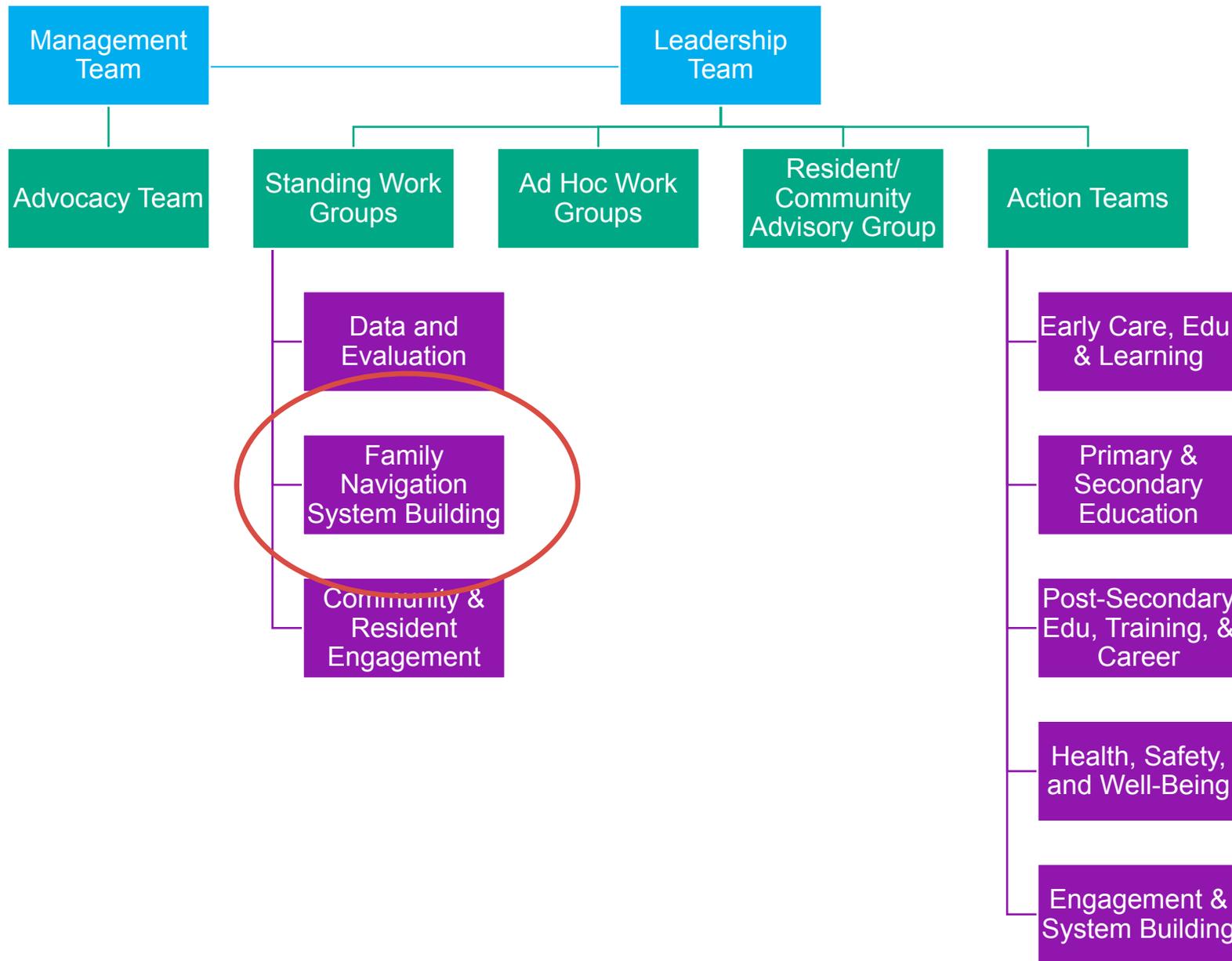


Data and Evaluation Team

Focus on activities related to the collection of data, quality monitoring and improvement, process evaluation, outcome evaluation, and the processes and infrastructure needed to support these activities.

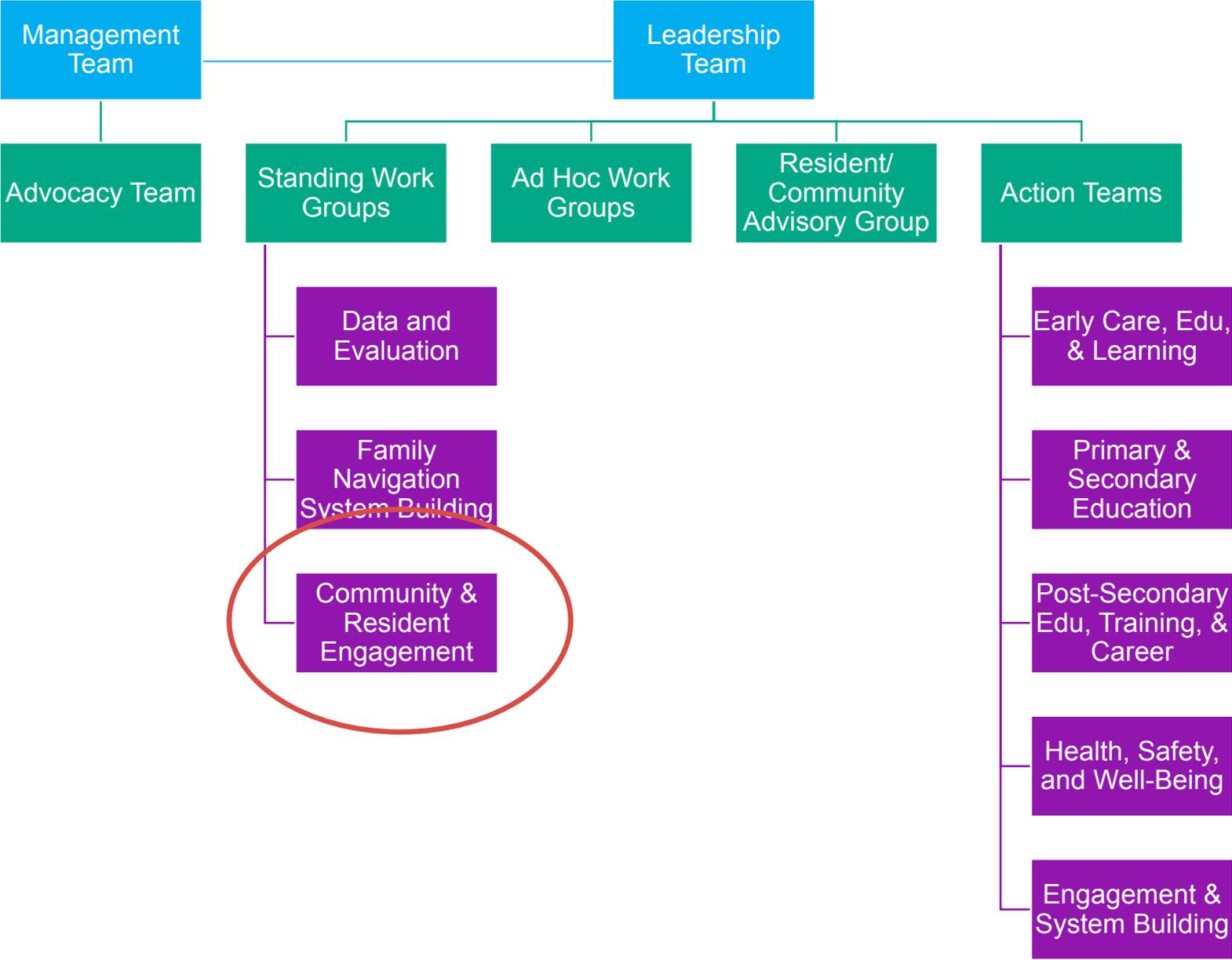
Family Navigation System Building

Focus on activities related to improving communication, coordination, and collaboration among pipeline service providers, including designing and implementing a universally accessible pipeline and processes and infrastructure needed to support the pipeline.

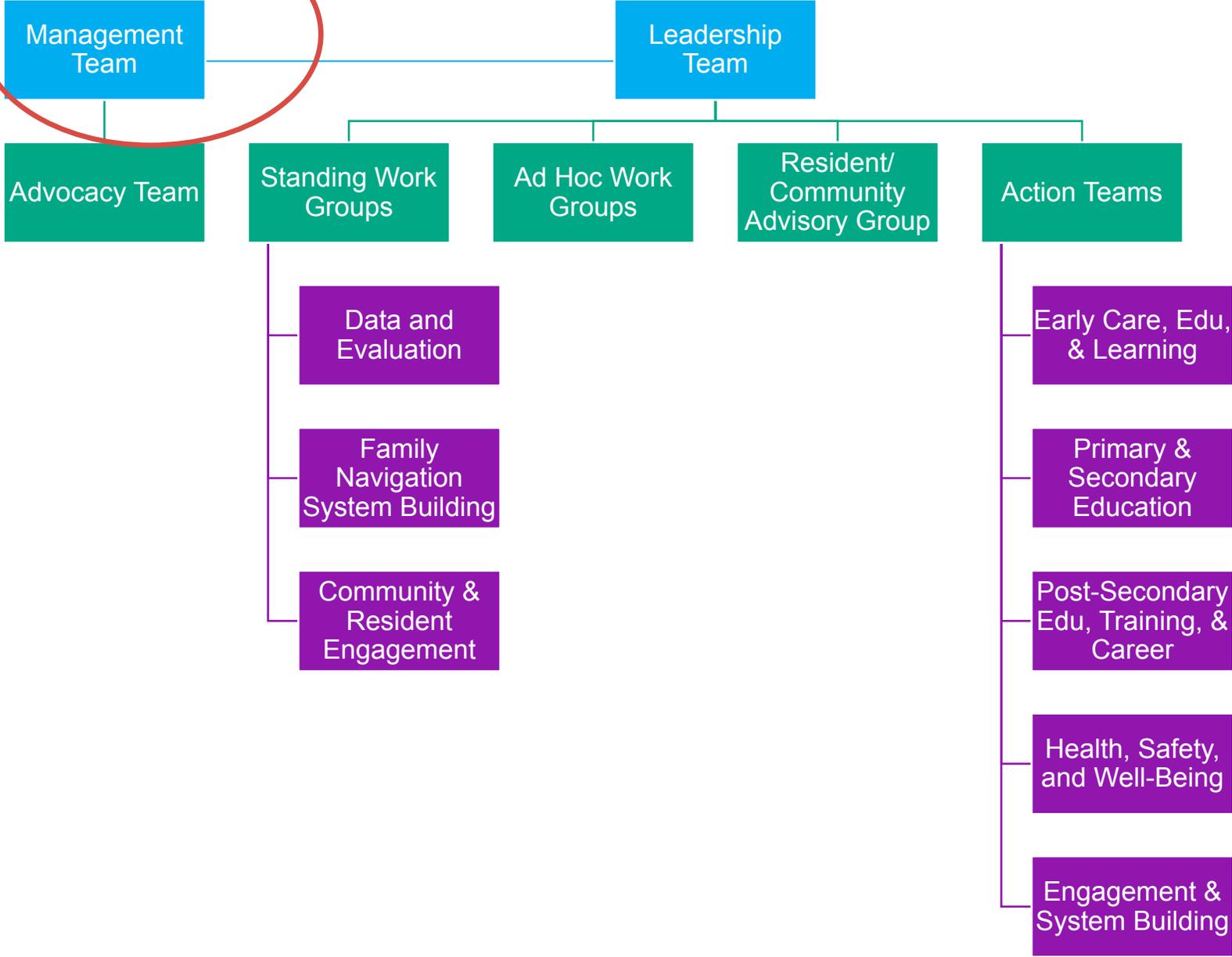


Community and Resident Engagement

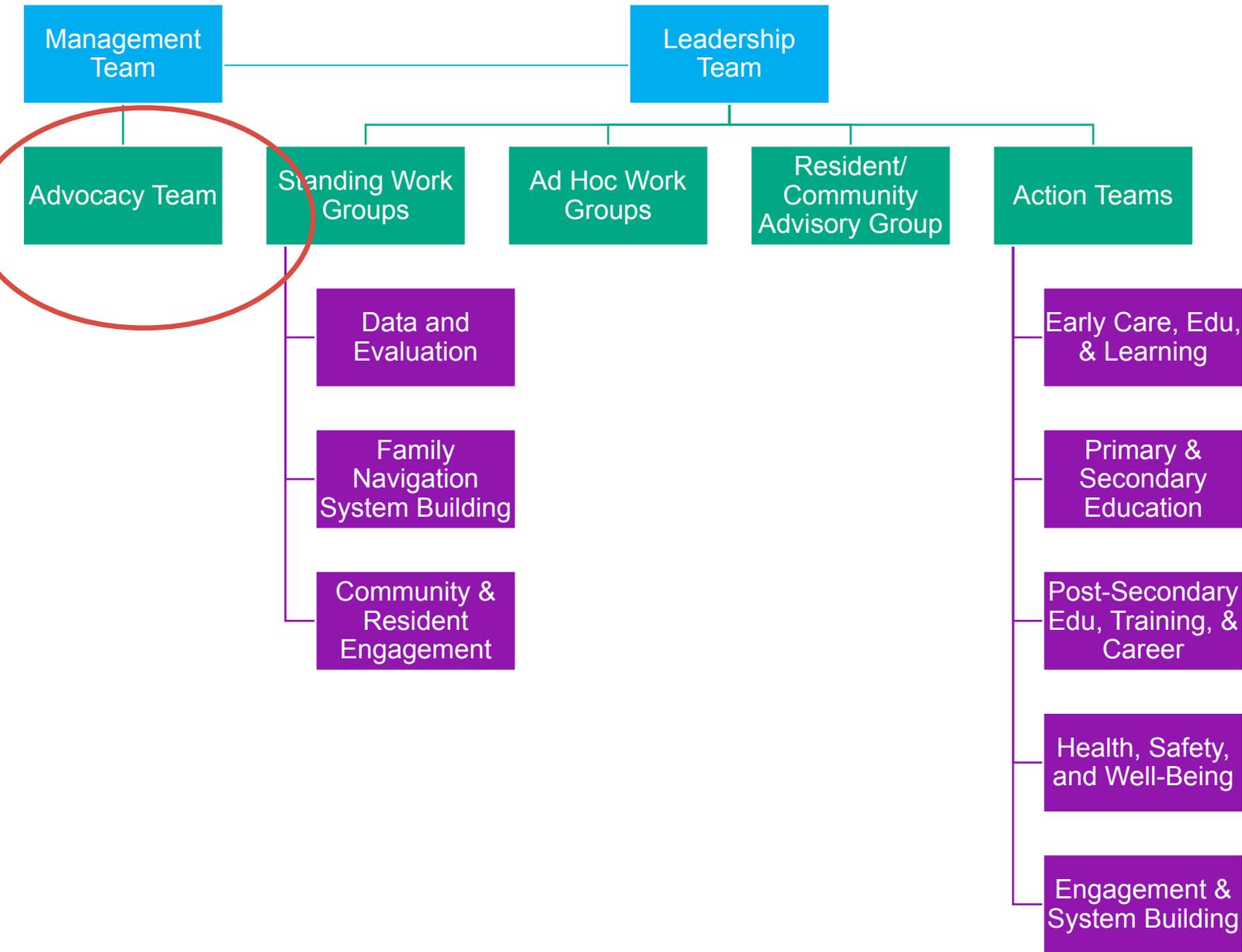
Focus on soliciting and elevating community and resident voices in the design, implementation, and evaluation



Management Team



Advocacy Team



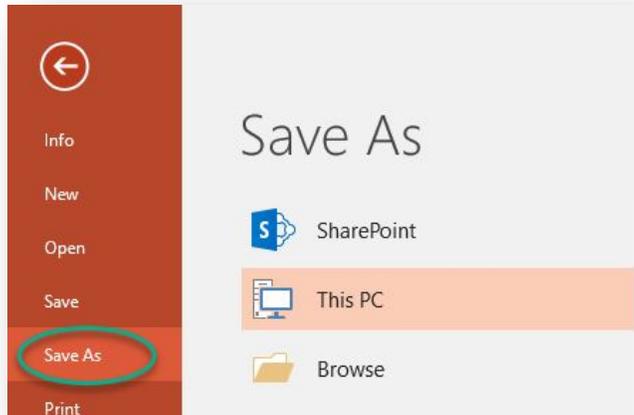
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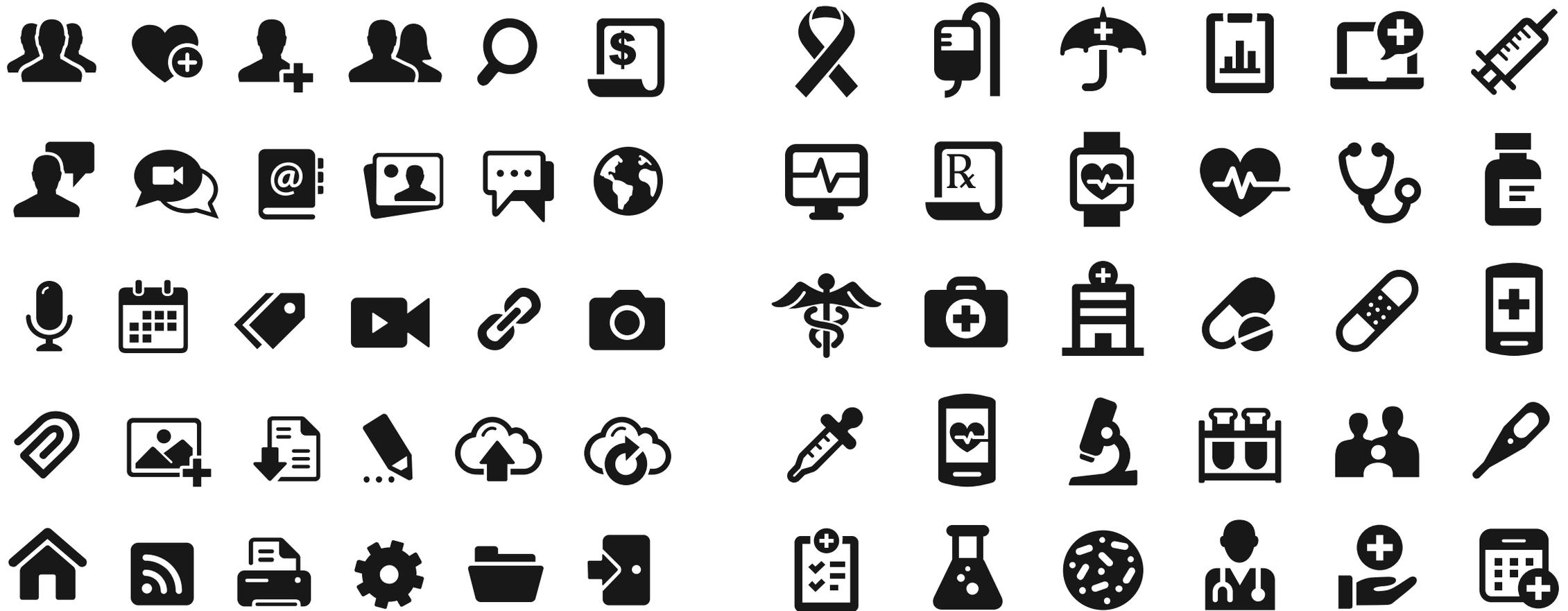
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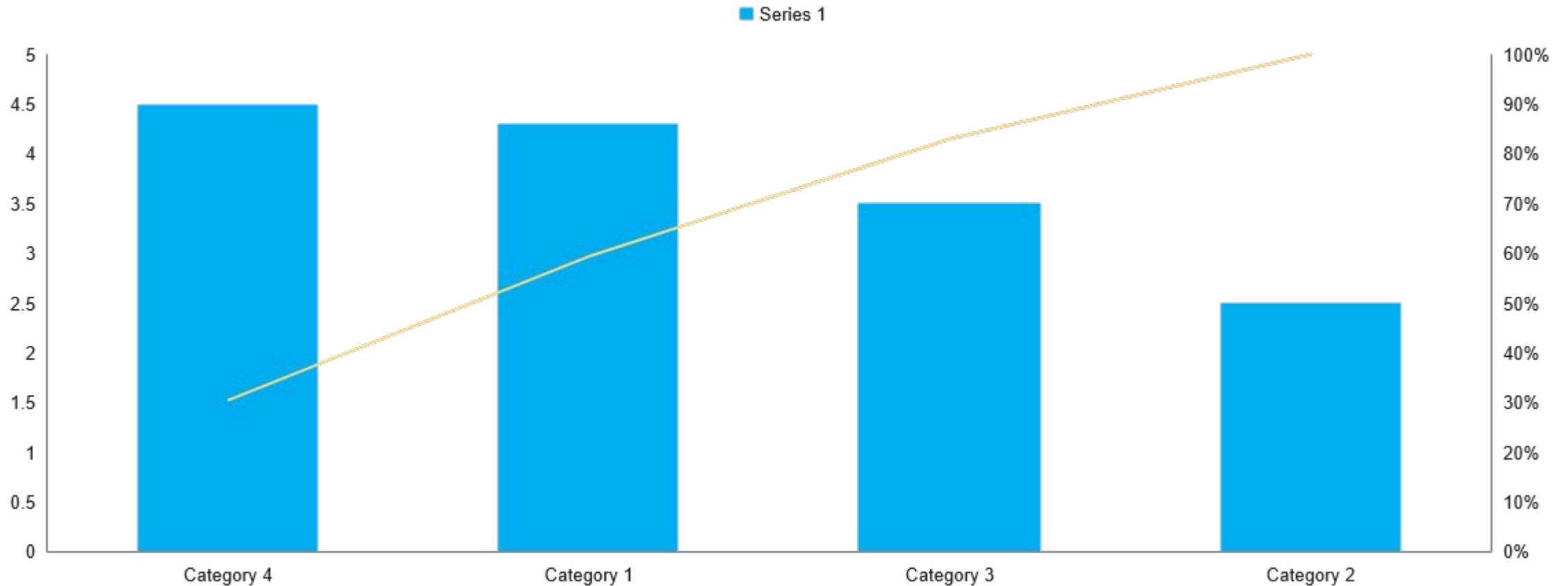
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