



North Hartford Ascend

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April Community Conversation
Little Steps, Bigger Futures: Early Childhood
Information Session

Wednesday, April 22, 2026



**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: Early Childhood Information Session and Fair
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks
- **Next Meeting: May 20, 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.
 - Please use the index cards provided to submit questions at any time.

Incentive Available to Hartford Residents

North Hartford Ascend: Overview

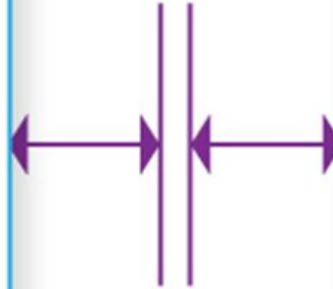


Connect children and families, prenatal through career, living in the **North Hartford Promise Zone** to the programs, services and other resources they need to **reach their full potential.**

Current State

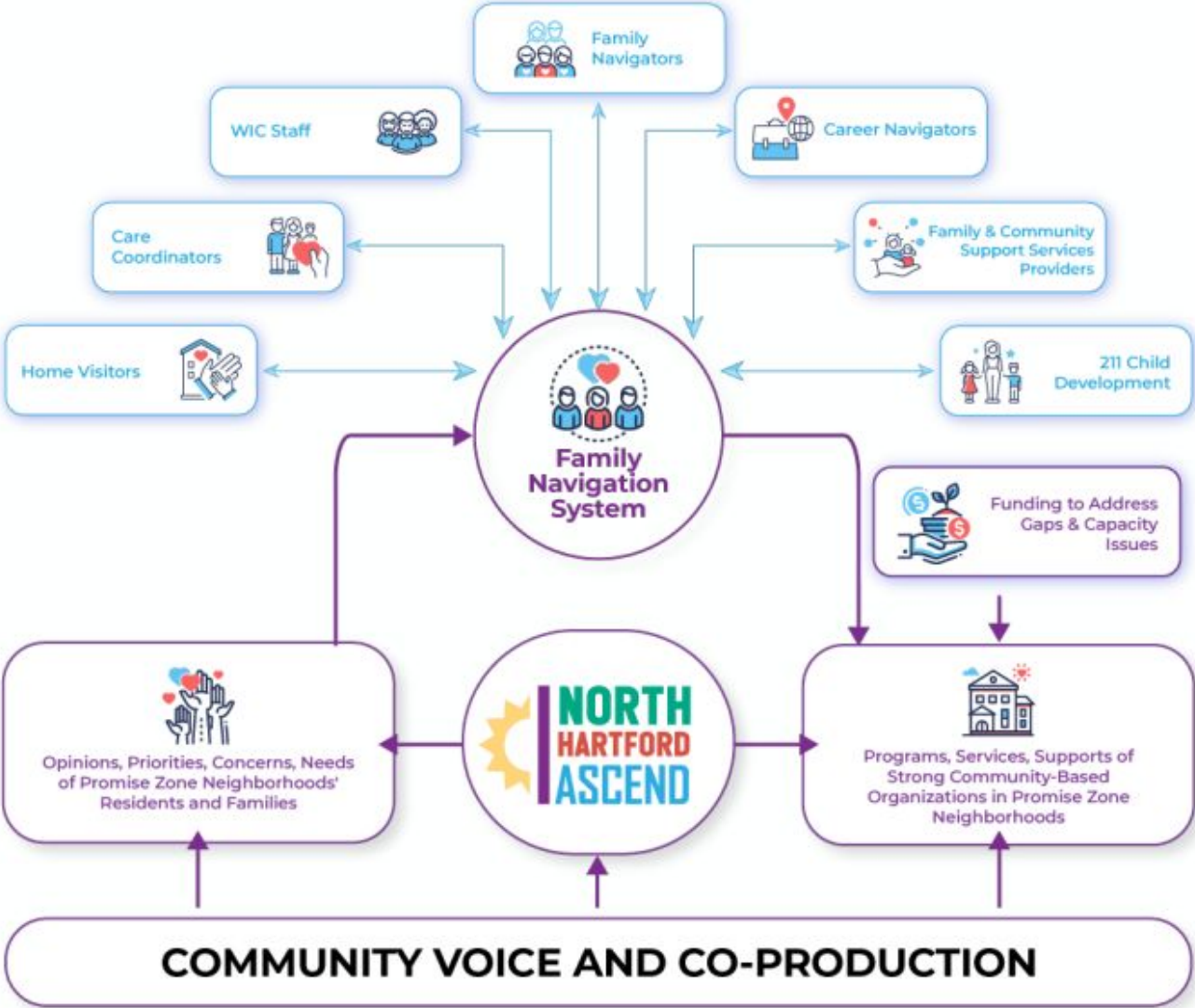


Opinions, Priorities,
Concerns, Needs of Promise
Zone Neighborhoods'
Residents and Families



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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May Community Workshops: In-Person

Break the Cycle - Understand Your Money Story

[Tuesday, May 5](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Participants will learn how to balance life and money, and how experiences, responsibilities, and expectations shape the way they handle money today.

Plant Your Roots

[Wednesday, May 13](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Participants will create a personal terrarium, and learn mindfulness techniques to support their mental and spiritual wellness.

Take Control – Build a Plan That Actually Works

[Tuesday, May 19](#)

Parker Memorial at 6pm

- Participants will learn how to create a simple, realistic plan for money that fits into their real lives.

Workshops





Event Schedule



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5:45-6:00 PM – Check-in/Registration opens in the hallway outside of the auditorium

6:00 PM – Event Kickoff - Welcome and 10-minute level set presentation in auditorium

6:15 PM – Community Fair Opens - Attendees can explore fair. Dinner is located in cafeteria, and childcare/art project is located in Eagles Den Room

6:30 PM – Fireside Chats (Round 1) – 20-minute sessions

- WIC Services – located in Room 101
- 211 Child Development – located in Room 105
- Injury Prevention Center – located in Room 110
- City of Hartford Early Learning Division – located in Auditorium

7:00 PM – Fireside Chats (Round 2) – 20-minute sessions

- WIC Services – located in Room 101
- 211 Child Development – located in Room 105
- Injury Prevention Center – located in Room 110
- City of Hartford Early Learning Division – located in Auditorium

7:30 PM – Event Concludes

Childcare Option for Tonight

Childcare: Arts for Wellness Session

Sign up



Visit the registration/check-in desk to sign up for a Childcare/Art Project.

- **Location:** Eagles Den Room
- Must 4 years and older to participate
- First come, first served basis with a **maximum capacity of 20 children.**
- This opportunity will be available for the whole event from **6:00p-7:30p.**

Fireside Chat Sign Up

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Logistics:

- The 20 minute fireside chats will start at **6:30p and 7:00p.**
- First come, first served basis with a **maximum capacity of 20 attendees per fireside chat.**

Visit the [registration/check-in desk to sign up for a fireside chat.](#)

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Early Childhood Resource Fair

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Visit our tabling vendors in the hallway from 6:00p-7:30p.

Participating Early Childhood Vendors:

- Maternal and Infant Outreach Program
- The Village
- 211 Child Development
- Hartford Public Library
- YWCA Hartford- Hartford Early Learning Center, Growing Tree on Garden St.
- Charter Oak Health
- Care4Kids
- Hartford Public Schools Office of Enrollment and School Choice
- DFCY - Parents Connecting Parents

Stay Connected

- Follow us on social media to stay connected!

Instagram



Facebook



Thank You!



- **Next Conversations:**

- **May Community Conversation, Data Walk – Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Location: TBD**

- 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

