

North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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This meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted on the Connecticut Children's website.

Agenda



- Welcome
- Ascend Partner Employment Opportunities
- Overview of Ascend
- Partner Spotlight: Hartford Public Schools
- Ascend Governance Update
- Marketing and Communications Firm
- Breakout Discussions
- Question and Answer
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Ascend Partner Employment **Opportunities**



- Connecticut Children's, Ascend Program Coordinator
 - Career Site Self Service (adp.com)
- San Juan Center, Real Estate Development Manager
 - San Juan Center, Inc. (constantcontact.com)
- Hartford Public School Bus Drivers, Autumn Transportation
 - JOBS (autumntransportation.com)

Partner Events





Sat. Sep 10 11am-2pm





Please scan & Register First 20 will get a prize



THE ACTIVITIES

Scavenger Hunt **Arts & Crafts** Interactive Tablets Singing & Dancing

FAMILY EVENT **ALL AGES WELCOMED**

> **Raffles and Food** trucks

FREE Train Ride





Sábado, 10 de Septiembre 11am-2pm





Escanee y registrese Los primeros 20 tendrán premio



LAS ACTIVIDADES

Búsqueda de tesoros Arte y Artesanía

Tabletas interactivas

Bailando cantando

EVENTO FAMILIAR TODAS LAS EDADES SON BIENVENIDAS

Rifas y Camiones de comida

Paseos en tren es gratis











North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

Why are we here?

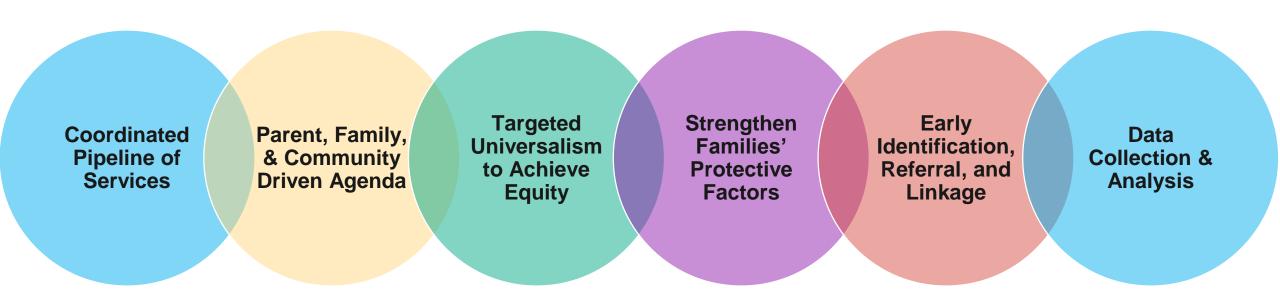
To collaboratively build an integrated and coordinated pipeline of services and supports that helps children and families reach their full potential.



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.



U.S. 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 postsecondary 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.

Partner Spotlight:



















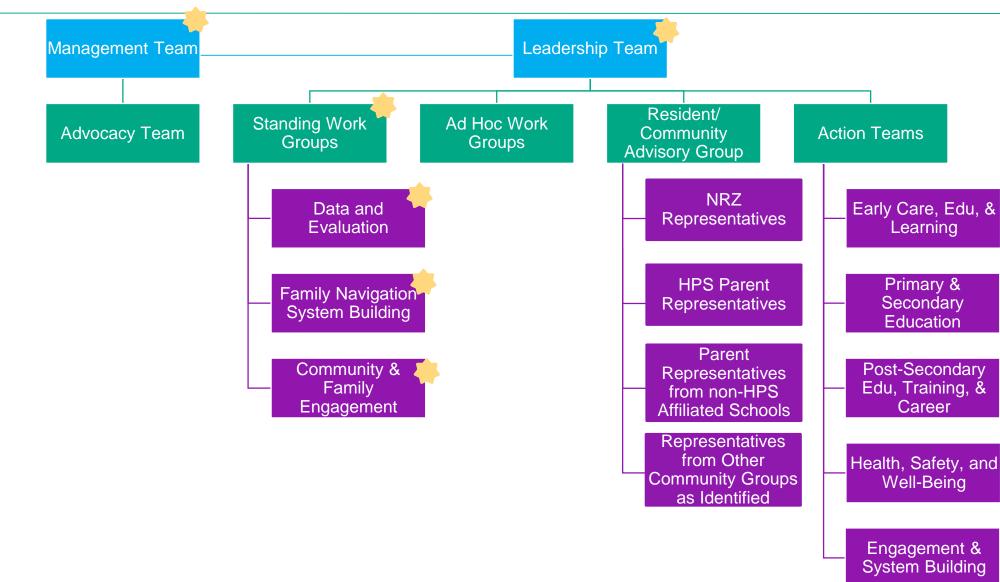




Ascend Governance Update

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Governance Updates



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Community Representatives

- Community & Family Engagement Work Group
 - Tori Hamilton
 - Reynardo Ortiz
 - Stephan Palmer
 - Sylvester Turner Jr
- Data & Evaluation Work Group
 - Tyler Napper
 - Shelby Williams
- Family Navigation Work Group
 - Patricia Dixon
 - Minervia Newman

- Leadership Team
 - Gloria Jenkins
 - Terry Stringer
- Management Team
 - Tyasha Adams
 - Tennicha Frater-Chin
 - Kimberly Harris-Eaton

Governance Updates



Resident and Community Advisory Group

Co-Hosts: Michelle Safo Agyeman, Ascend Program Manager & Luz Holmes, Ascend Community Partner

- Upper Albany NRZ
 - Yacheka Dickenson
 - Lawrence WIlliams
- Northeast NRZ
 - Darlene Childs
 - Helen Nixon
 - Charles Teale
- Clay Arsenal NRZ
- Jeffrey Stewart

- MLK Middle School, Weaver High School
- Beverly Hines
- S.A.N.D. Elementary School
- Abigail Ocasio
- West Middle School
 - Yarimar Melendez
- Hartford Public Schools
- Brittany Grant

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Marketing and Communications Firm: FourteenG & Colored Hemisphere

FourteenG



FourteenG exists to help companies emphasize their visions by elevating their brand. We imagine, design and build experiences that connect people with brands in real life.

Your Vision Amplified

- Gary S., Chief Technical Officer
- Michael S., Chief Design Officer
- Daniel G., Director of Strategy
- Desiree J., Project Manager
- Maria S., Marketing Strategist



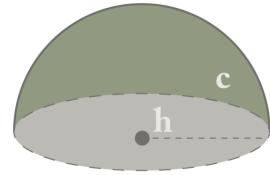
Colored Hemisphere, LLC



Colored Hemisphere provides equity-based consultation services to improve the quality of service administered by proposed legislation, programs, or community service institution(s) designed to improve the quality of life for disenfranchised communities of color.

Shelby Michelle Williams, Founder





Marketing and Communications Firms



Year 1 Activities

Digital Marketing Tools - website and social media channels

Canvassing - September

Communication Focus Groups - September

Discussion Questions



- 1. What do families need this year to have a successful school year?
- 2. What are families looking forward to? What are some pressure points?
- 3. How can Ascend Community Conversations be a support to families?

Ground Rules for Breakouts



- Everyone deserves to be heard and everyone should have an opportunity to speak.
 - o Online: Keep your camera on (if possible), and keep your mic muted unless you are speaking.
- Listen and respond respectfully.
- Stick to the question 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?

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Report Out

Thank YOU!



Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, September 29, 2022

- 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.
- Please take the Post Meeting Survey to share your thoughts and feedback.
 - The link is posted in the chat and will be sent out via email.
- Contact Gina Federico, <u>gfederico@unitedwayinc.org</u> or (860) 493-1115, with any questions.

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