

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
- Why are we here?
- Open Positions
- Team Member Introductions
- Governance Update
- Discussion
- Report Out
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks

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.



Open Positions – MSA we need to update Connecticut Ascend Pipeline Ascend Pipeline

- Connecticut Children's
 - o Community Health Worker, HYHIL
- The Village
 - o Data Specialist

New Team Members



Michelle Safo-Agyeman

Ascend Program Manager











Joshua Freeman

Ascend Program Coordinator











Amalyn Morales

Program Coordinator, Healthy Homes and Injury Prevention Center





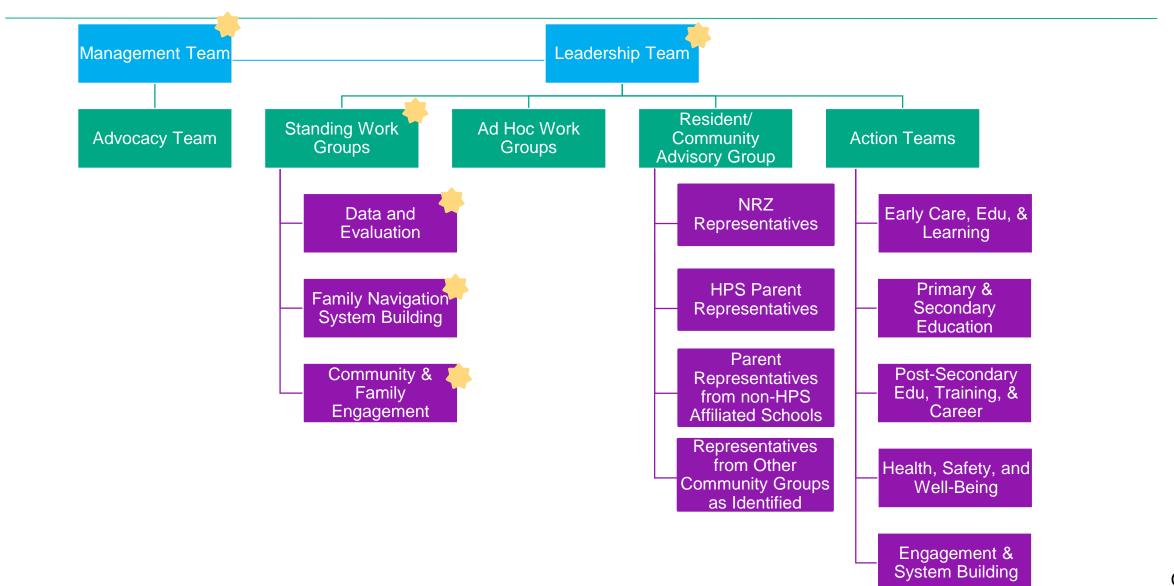




Governance Update

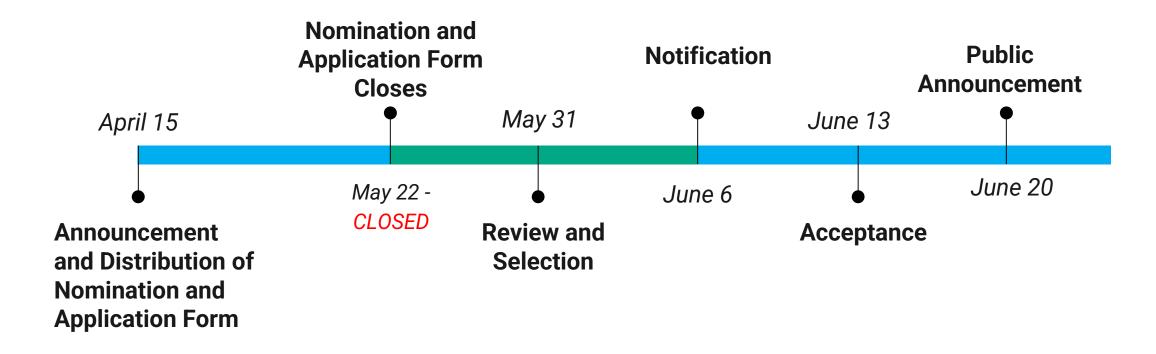
Governance





Community Seats





Community Representation In Ascend





Help create opportunities for children and families in North Hartford. Join the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline as a Community Representative.



Scan the QR Code to apply.



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

Community Recruitment

- 15 applications/nominations for 10 Community Seats
- NRZ's are identifying one representative from each neighborhood to serve on the Community and Resident Advisory Group
- Hartford Public Schools identified one School Governance Council representative per community school in the Promise Zone to serve on the Community and Resident Advisory Group

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Breakout Discussions

Community Conversations and Action Sessions



October 2021	Introduced U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods Program	Introduced North Hartford Ascend Pipeline	Q and A about U.S. DOE PN and Ascend		
December 2021 (2 meetings)	Reviewed U.S. DOE PN and Ascend	Discussion: strategies to support community engagement and participation in Ascend	Q and A about U.S. DOE PN and Ascend		
January 2022 77 participants	Discussion: community engagement and participation priorities	Discussion: how to best leverage existing community groups	Action Item: meetings with representatives from the NRZs		
February 2022 67 participants	Introduced Governance Framework & Community Engagement & Participation Ideas	Reviewed Budget	Discussion: how to best share the budget with the community	Discussion: CBOs best positioned to support community engagement & participation?	Discussion: strategies to recruit community members for governance
March 2022 61 participants	Introduced Resident and Community Advisory Group	Introduced Governance Community Seats	Discussion: where do community members get information	Discussion: are their adequate resources in the Promise Zone	Discussion: what makes a program, service, or resource high quality
April 64 participants	Discussion: what makes a program, resource, or service high quality	Discussion: characteristics of organizations with high quality resources	Discussion: barriers accessing and utilizing resources	Discussion: what type of help and support is most useful when navigating access barriers	Discussion: what type of help and support is most useful when navigating utilization barriers

Discussion Questions



Pipeline Development

- Where do community members go for information about programs and services?
- Which resources do you think community members leverage the most? Why?
- Which resources are described as good or reliable among community members? Why?
- If the Ascend Pipeline is successful, what will be different in five years?

Community Participation

- What do you want to hear about at these community conversations and action sessions?
- Do you like the format of the community conversations and action sessions (content, updates, discussion, and report out)?
- Should we continue facilitating virtually or transition to hybrid?

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 for your Time and Input



Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, June 23, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Guest: Geoffrey Canada, Harlem Children's Zone

- An incentive is available to community members participating in this meeting.
- If you want the incentive, submit your email in the chat.
- A link will be sent out via email for you to receive the incentive.
- Contact Gina Federico, <u>gfederico@unitedwayinc.org</u> or 860-493-1115 with any questions.