



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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Welcome

Agenda



Welcome	Luz Holmes Appointed NRZ Representative Courtenay Jackson North Hartford Promise Zone My Brother's Keeper Administrator City of Hartford	10 minutes
Community Opening	Helen Nixon Northeast NRZ, Chair Emeritus	
Promise Neighborhood Overview North Hartford Ascend Pipeline	Dr. Paul Dworkin Executive VP for Community and Child Health Connecticut Children's	5 Minutes
Ascend Budget Review	Jacquelyn Rose Manager, Office for Community Child Health Childhood Prosperity Lab North Hartford Ascend Pipeline	5 Minutes
Community Participation	Gina Federico Director, Health Initiatives United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut	5 Minutes
Ascend Governance	Courtenay Jackson	10 Minutes
Breakout Discussions	ALL	20 Minutes
Report Out	ALL	10 Minutes
Adjourn	Luz Holmes/Courtenay Jackson	2 Minutes

Open Positions

- About 35 new positions will be supported through this grant across Connecticut Children's and project partners.
- Connecticut Children's is currently recruiting:
 - An [Ascend Program Manager](#)
 - An [Ascend Program Coordinator](#) – Injury Prevention Center and Healthy Homes

Today's Format

- Provide information
- Transition to breakout rooms to review discussion questions
 1. How can we most appropriately share the budget with the community?
 2. Which grass-roots CBOs are best suited to support resident and community engagement activities?
 3. How can we identify and recruit community members to serve on the governance structure of the NHAP?
- Report out

- **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

- **For more information on the program, <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-discretionary-grants-support-services/school-choice-improvement-programs/promise-neighborhoods-pn/>**

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.

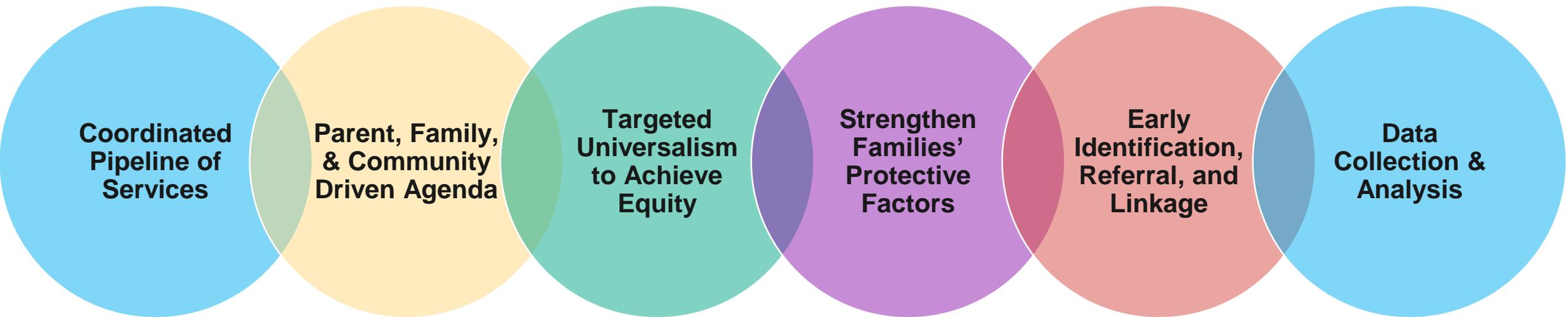
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Goal: Build an integrated and coordinated pipeline of services and supports with the community that helps children and families reach their full potential.

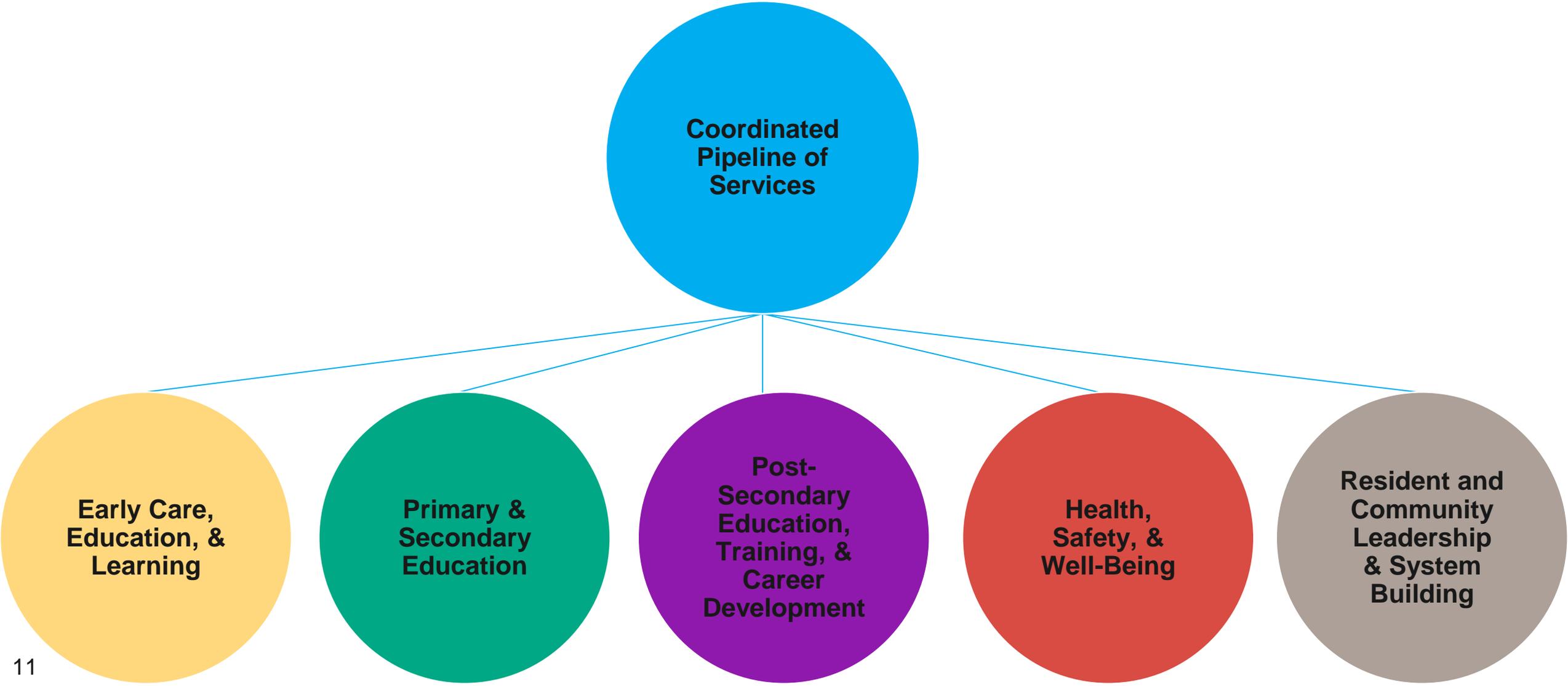
North Hartford Ascend Pipeline (Ascend)



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



Pipeline Domains



Role of Connecticut Children's

Budget

Budget Summary

North Hartford Promise Neighborhoods Project

Proposal: P21-00124

Sponsor: Office for Elementary and Secondary Education/U.S. Department of Education

Grant Recipient: Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health

Project Period	Timing	Amount
Year 1 Project Period	1/1/2022-12/31/2022	\$ 5,922,095.10
Year 2 Project Period	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	\$ 5,983,116.00
Year 3 Project Period	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$ 5,854,952.00
Year 4 Project Period	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	\$ 5,992,766.00
Year 5 Project Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$ 5,984,494.00

*see slide 20 re/ federal contingencies for funding Years 2-5

Year 1 Budget Summary

Connecticut Children’s Office for Community Child Health (the Office)

Office Program	U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students . . .
Ascend Project Management	
Injury Free Hartford (Injury Prevention Center)	Feel safe at school and in the community.
Center for Care Coordination	Are supported by their families and communities in their learning.
Healthy Homes	Are healthy. Live in stable communities.
Easy Breathing	Are healthy.
Hartford Youth HIV Identification and Linkage Consortium (HYHIL)	Are healthy Feel safe at school and in the community.
Educating Practices	Are healthy.
Start Childhood Off Right (SCOR)	Are healthy.

Amount: \$1,399,193.00

Year 1 Budget Summary

City of Hartford

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school. Successfully transition from middle to high school.
- Graduate from high school.
- Obtain post-secondary degrees, certifications, or credentials.
- Are healthy.
- Live in stable communities.

Amount: \$525,762.00

Community Health Services

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students . . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
- Are healthy.

Amount: \$56,294.00

Hartford Data Collaborative

Supporting project data collection, quality monitoring, and evaluation activities.

Amount: \$188,053.00

Year 1 Budget Summary

Hartford Promise

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students . . .

- Obtain post-secondary degrees, certifications, or credentials.
- Are supported by families and communities in their learning.

Amount: \$206,030.00

Hartford Public Schools

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: 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.
- Are supported by families and communities in their learning.
- Are healthy.
- Feel safe at school and in the community.
- Have access to 21st century learning tools.

Amount: \$1,000,000.00

InterCommunity

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students . . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
- Are healthy.

Amount: \$77,334.00

Year 1 Budget Summary

San Juan Center

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Obtain post-secondary degrees, certifications, or credentials.

Amount: \$10,395.00

The Children's Museum

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Are supported by families and their communities in learning.

Amount: \$67,251.00

The Village for Families & Children

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Are supported by families and communities in their learning.
- Are healthy.

Amount: \$630,183.00

Year 1 Budget Summary

United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
- Are proficient in Math and English Language Arts.
- Obtain post-secondary degrees, certifications, or credentials.

Amount: \$524,545.00

**Note: will administer subcontracts for marketing & communications, capacity building, and community engagement.*

United Way of Connecticut

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
- Are healthy.

Amount: \$100,000.00

University of Connecticut Health Center

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Are healthy.

Amount: \$58,374.00

Year 1 Budget Summary



University of Hartford

Supporting project data collection, quality monitoring, and evaluation activities.

Amount: \$367,335.00

Wheeler Clinic

U.S. DOE Results Alignment: Students. . .

- Enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
- Are healthy.

Amount: \$49,346.00

Connecticut Children's
Social Innovation Investment Fund
Amount: \$50,000.00

United Way of
Central & Northeastern Connecticut
Marketing & Communications, Community Engagement,
& Capacity Building
Amount: \$362,000.00

TBD Subcontracts
in consultation with community leaders
Amount: \$300,000.00

Future U.S. DOE Funding is Contingent on the Following:



Per the U.S. Department of Education:

THIS AWARD SUPPORTS ONLY THE BUDGET PERIOD SHOWN IN BLOCK 6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 34 CFR 75.253, THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTINUED FUNDING IF:

CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM;

THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT CONTINUING THE PROJECT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT;

THE GRANTEE HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT;

THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT IN THE APPLICATION NOTICE, THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS IN THE GRANTEE'S APPROVED APPLICATION;

THE RECIPIENT HAS SUBMITTED REPORTS OF PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES THAT MEET THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOUND AT 34 CFR 75.118, 2 CFR 200.328 AND 200.329, AND ANY OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY; AND

THE GRANTEE HAS MAINTAINED FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN 2 CFR 200.302, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND 2 CFR 200.303, INTERNAL CONTROLS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR 200.308(c)(2) CHANGES TO KEY PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 5 MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES FUTURE FUNDING FOR THIS AWARD ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 6. THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND DO NOT BIND THE SECRETARY TO FUNDING THE AWARD FOR THESE PERIODS OR FOR THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHOWN. THE RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC FUTURE FUNDING ACTIONS THAT THE SECRETARY TAKES FOR THIS AWARD.

U.S. DOE (Sub)contractor Rules

Federal (sub)contractors must comply with federal (sub)contracting rules. Some of the rules include registration with sam.gov, compliance with nondiscrimination policies, etc.

[Prime and subcontracting \(sba.gov\)](#) should provide guidance to organizations interested in learning about what all of the requirements are.

Community and Resident Engagement

Elements of NHAP Community Engagement



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- Investing in trusted, high-quality community-based organizations to lead community engagement activities;
- Investing in community member participation by funding community members for their guidance and expertise. NOTE: this will happen for single instances of engagement but also for longer term participation of resident messengers, community governance seats, and school-based community outreach;
- Annual capacity building investments will be made to support investment that will support sustainability of the pipeline and broad participation by all organizations offering high quality services and supports in the NHAP;
- Enlist a communication and marketing firm/s prioritizing culturally relevant, hyper local strategies to keep community stakeholders and families notified of NHAP supports and services and progress of the initiative;
- Invest in community members by offering training and other instructional support to community members to cultivate emerging leaders and engaged youth and provide sustainable civic education and skills building
- Provide oversight and monitoring of community engagement activities and partners to ensure expected outcomes are met and to improve and adjust tactics to meet the community NHAP needs.

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Community and Resident Engagement

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and Utilization

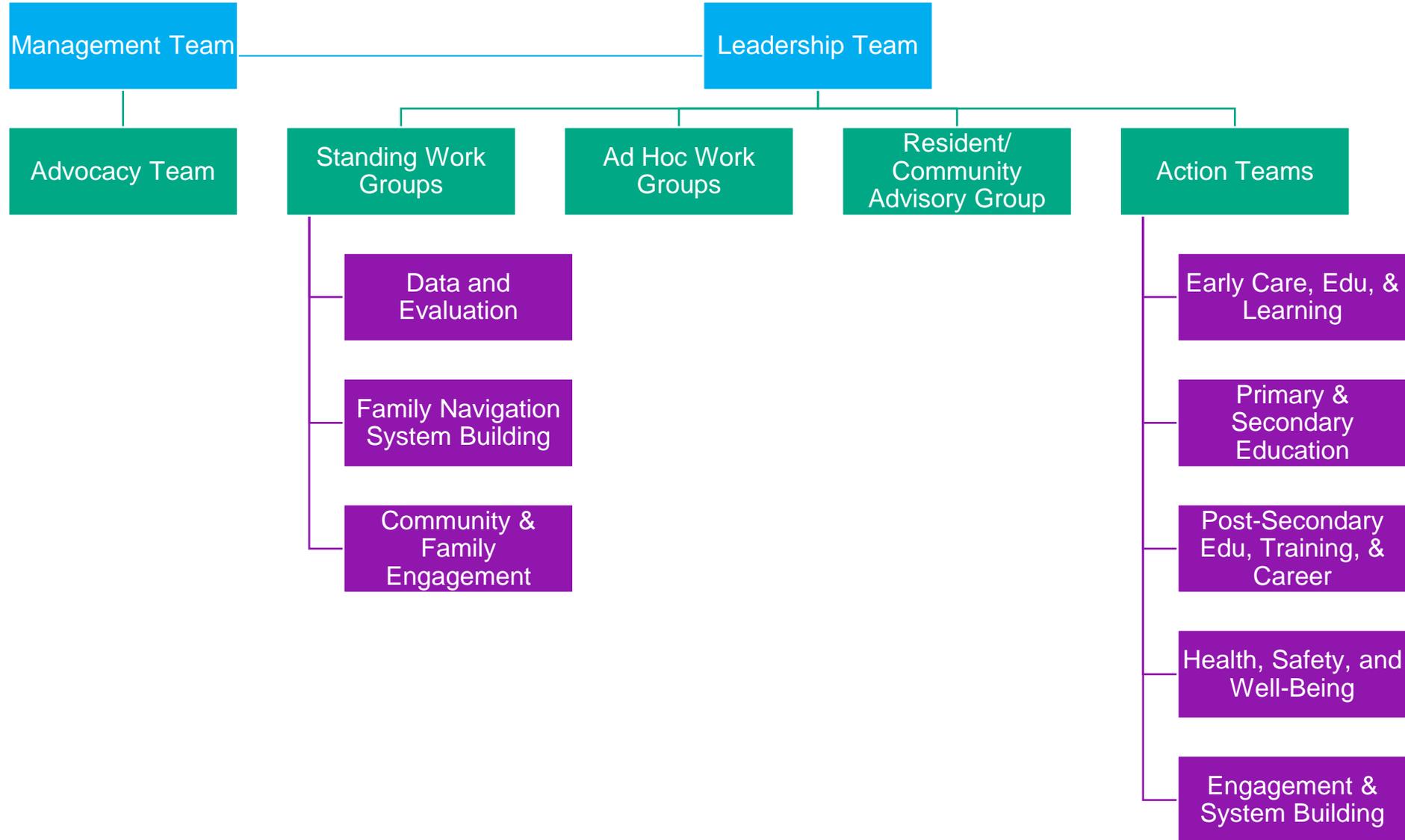
Building the
Pipeline

Capacity
Building

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Governance

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 Breakouts

- 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?

Breakout Discussion

QUESTIONS:

1. How can we most appropriately share the budget with the community?
2. Which grass-roots CBOs are best suited to support resident and community engagement activities?
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Report Out

Thank you!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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