



# North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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North Hartford  
Ascend Pipeline



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# Incentive

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# Agenda

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- Welcome
- Ascend Partner Employment Opportunities & Events
- Ascend Overview
- Result 5 (Data)
- Ascend Partners : San Juan Center
- Breakout Session
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks

# Employment Opportunities

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VISTA Family Engagement Early Literacy Ambassador, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

<https://unitedwayinc.org/about-us/careers/>

VISTA Dolly Parton Book Subscription Program Coordinator, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

<https://unitedwayinc.org/about-us/careers/>

VISTA Volunteer Reader Coordinator, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

<https://unitedwayinc.org/about-us/careers/>

Administrative Assistant 2 (Bilingual), Healthy Homes Program Connecticut Children's

<https://recruiting.adp.com/srccar/public/RTI.home?d=External&c=1122041#/>

# Community Events

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# Car Seat Clinic

Saturday's

5/20/23, 7/15/23, 9/16/23, 10/21/23

8:30a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Come and get your car seat checked!

**SAFE  
K:DS**  
CONNECTICUT



 **Connecticut  
Children's**

Offered in cooperation with the

Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry Diaper Day in the parking lot of  
Mount Sinai, 679 Tower Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Pre-registration saves waiting time! Make an appointment by emailing  
[esagan@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:esagan@connecticutchildrens.org) or calling (860) 837-5319



Saint Francis Hospital  
Trinity Health



**WEISER**  
INNOVATIONS

PRESENTS...



# BALL'N 4 CHANGE

**UNITING AND IMPROVING COMMUNITIES  
ONE GAME AT A TIME**



**VS**



**IN FEVER**

**CT SUN**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

**MOHEGAN SUN ARENA - UNCASVILLE, CT**

**BUS DEPARTURE - 5:30PM**

**WEST INDIAN SOCIAL CLUB - 3340 MAIN ST, HARTFORD**

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY WEISER INNOVATIONS. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CT SUN AND ANGEL OF EDGEWOOD. EACH GUEST WILL RECEIVE A GAME TICKET AND FOOD VOUCHER. CHILDREN 15 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. PURSES, BACKPACKS, AND LARGE BAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED INSIDE ARENA. ONLY CLUTCHES/FANNIE PACKS ARE ACCEPTED. PARTICIPANTS MUST RIDE ON BUSES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GAME TICKET AND VOUCHER. PLEASE NOTIFY ORGANIZERS IF HANDICAPPED ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED. THIS IS A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED EVENT. FOR QUESTIONS OR RESERVATIONS EMAIL:

JENDAYI SCOTT-MILLER: [COMMUNITYENGAGEMENT@WIICHARTFORD.ORG](mailto:COMMUNITYENGAGEMENT@WIICHARTFORD.ORG)





# 2023 EMPLOYMENT EMPOWERMENT EXPO

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 31, 2023**

**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Dunkin' Park | YG Club  
1214 Main St, Hartford, CT




Urban League of  
Greater Hartford

## More than a Career Fair!

- On-site Interviews
- Professional Headshots
- Entrepreneurial Support
- Career Focused Workshops
- Men's Suits & Accessories
- Resume / Portfolio Review
- Industry Exploration

### Contact Us:

ULGH Workforce Development Team

 860-527-0147 x 161

 [www.ulgh.org](http://www.ulgh.org)

 [events@ulgh.org](mailto:events@ulgh.org)

**REGISTER | SPONSOR | PARTICIPATE**

<http://bit.ly/ulghcareerfair2023>



THE LEGACY FOUNDATION

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## COLLEGE FAIR

*Sponsored in part by*

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.®

EPSILON OMICRON OMEGA CHAPTER

SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 2, 2023**

**8:30AM — 8:00PM**

**DUNKIN STADIUM**

**MAIN ST · HARTFORD, CT**

Evening Reception with Timothy Fields and Shereem Herndon-Brown, Authors of the best-selling book, *The Black Family's Guide to College Admissions: A Conversation about Education, Parenting, and Race.*



For general inquiries email:  
[admin@Legacyfoundationhartford.org](mailto:admin@Legacyfoundationhartford.org)

*Invitations extended to multiple Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)*

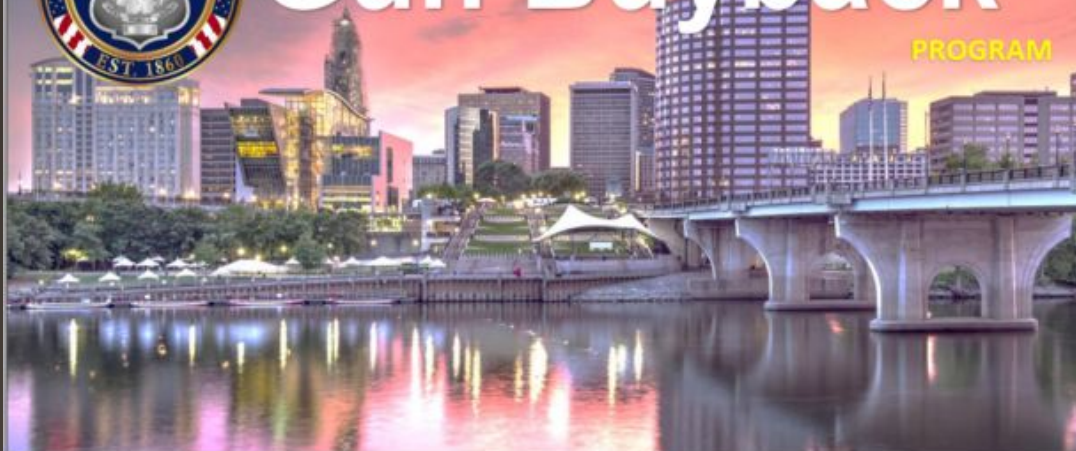




Neighborhood

# Gun Buyback

PROGRAM



**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

House of Restoration Church

1665 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120



*Non-working guns, black-powder weapons, flare guns, pellet/BB guns and ammunition/magazine clips may be turned in; however, they will not be eligible for a gift card. Gun parts/3d printed parts, will not be eligible for gift cards. Single shot derringer style handguns will be eligible for \$50 gift cards.*

**\$200 gift card** for an assault rifle

**\$100 gift card** for a handgun/revolver

**\$50 gift card** for a shotgun/rifle

*Turn in a working gun for a gift card*

*Guns should be unloaded*

*Place them in a plastic bag or box*



**ALL FIREARMS MAY BE TURNED IN  
ANONYMOUSLY**



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# You are invited

NORTH MAIN STREET

## COMMUNITY MEETING



Wednesday, June 7, 2023 • 6:00PM

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**Vibz Uptown**  
**3155 Main Street**



A program of the Community Engagement Office of Mayor Luke A. Bronin  
If you have questions, please call (860) 757-9520.

# ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

AT THE

# CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER

Hosted by Members of the Teen Advisory Council

**Grades:** 6th - 8th

**When :** June 10th, 11 AM - 3 PM

**Where:** 250 Columbus Boulevard  
Hartford CT

**Apply :**

<https://ctsciencecenter.org/teens/>



Lunch is included for all program participants. The workshop is free of charge, but participants must commit to attending.



For more information, contact us  
at [teens@ctsciencecenter.org](mailto:teens@ctsciencecenter.org) or  
(860) 520-2166.





2023

**HARTFORD YARD GOATS**  
*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*

**APPLY TODAY!**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 19, 2023**

## Low Income Public Housing for Seniors

*If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you require an accommodation in the Housing Authority's policy or procedures to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact the Housing Authority at 860-723-8493 (TRS 711 or 800-842-9710).*

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford is accepting applications for its Low-Income Public Housing Program for *individuals/families (55+) in need of a studio or one bedroom unit*. If you have any questions contact us at 860-723-8493.

### How to apply

- Online at <https://hhawl.org>
- Pick up an application at 180 John D. Wardlaw Way, Hartford, CT 06106
- Download and print a paper application at <https://hhawl.org>



## Vivienda Publica de Bajos Ingresos para Personas Mayores

*Si usted o alguien de su familia es una persona con discapacidades y necesita un alojamiento en la poliza o procedimientos de la Autoridad de Vivienda para utilizar plenamente nuestros programas y servicios, comuníquese con la Autoridad de Vivienda al 860-723-8493 (TRS 711 o 800-842-9710)*

La Autoridad de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Hartford está aceptando aplicaciones para el Programa de Vivienda Pública de Bajos Ingresos para *personas/familias (55+) que están buscando un estudio o un apartamento de un cuarto*. Si tiene preguntas llámenos al 860-723-8493.

### Puedes aplicar

- En línea en <https://hhawl.org>
- Recoger un formulario en papel al 180 John D. Wardlaw Way, Hartford, CT 06106
- Descargando e imprimiendo una aplicación en papel en <https://hhawl.org>

THIS IS **NOT** A  
PRE-APPLICATION  
FOR SECTION 8



ESTO **NO** ES UNA  
PRESOLICITUD  
PARA LA SECCIÓN 8

# North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

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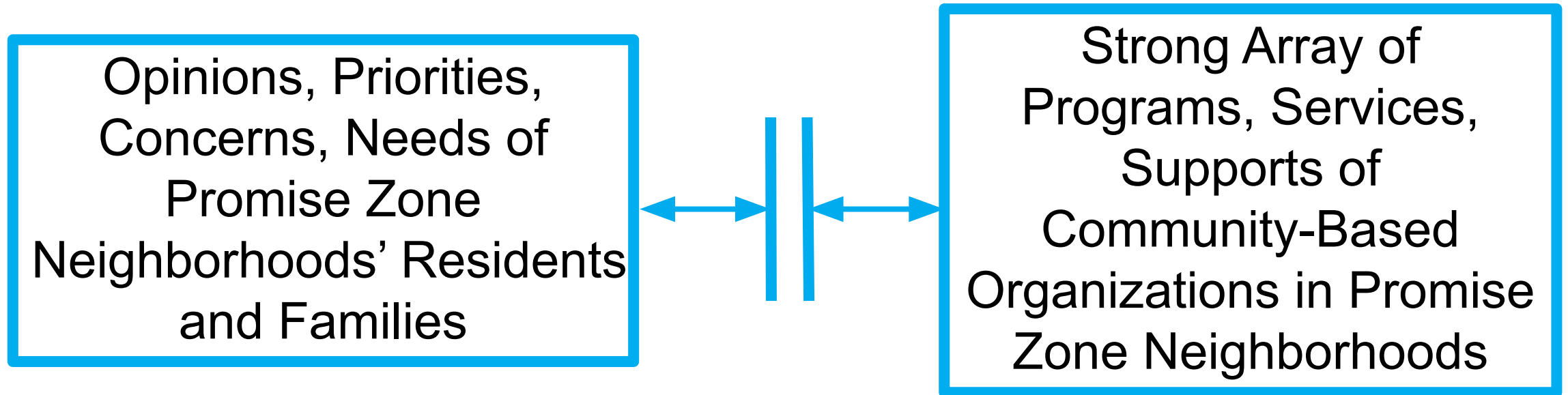


## Why are we here?

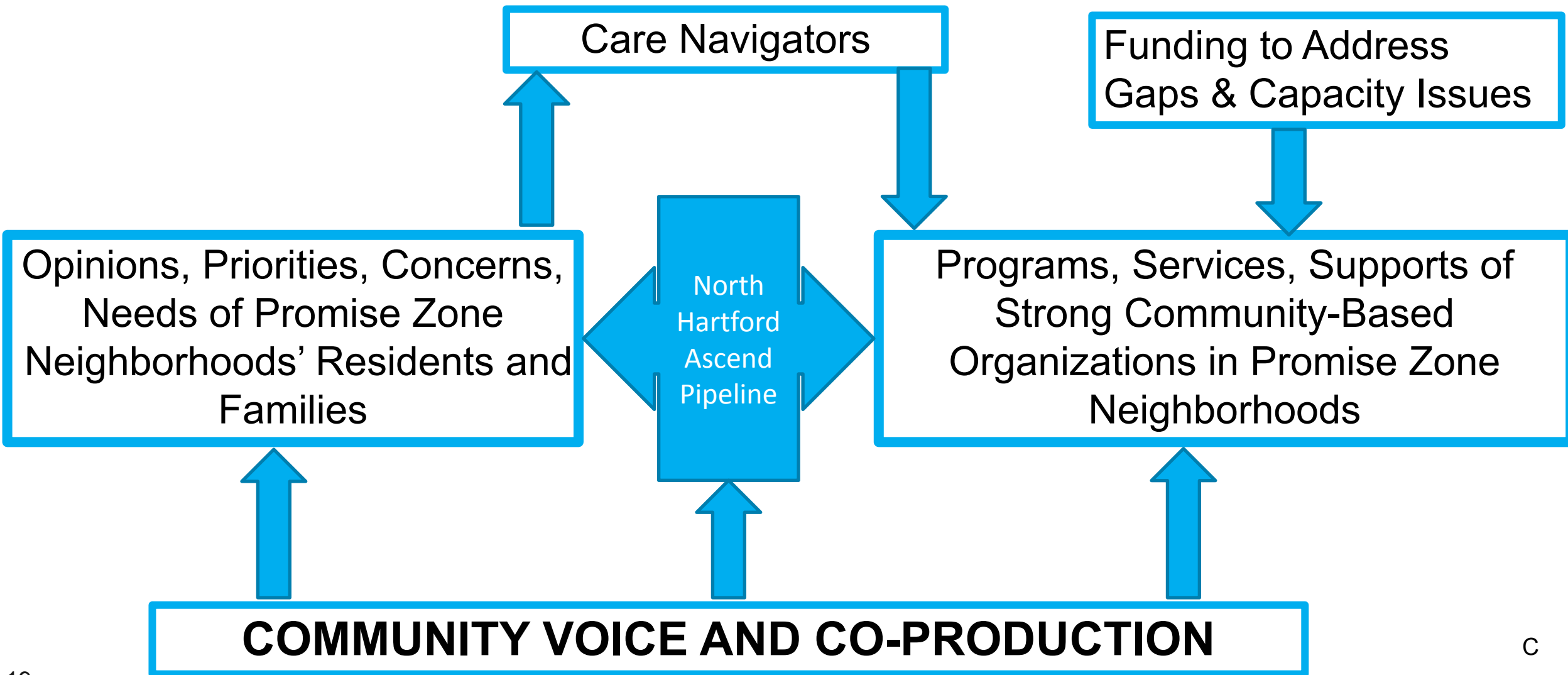
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To collaboratively build an integrated and coordinated pipeline of services and supports that helps children and families reach their full potential.

# Current State



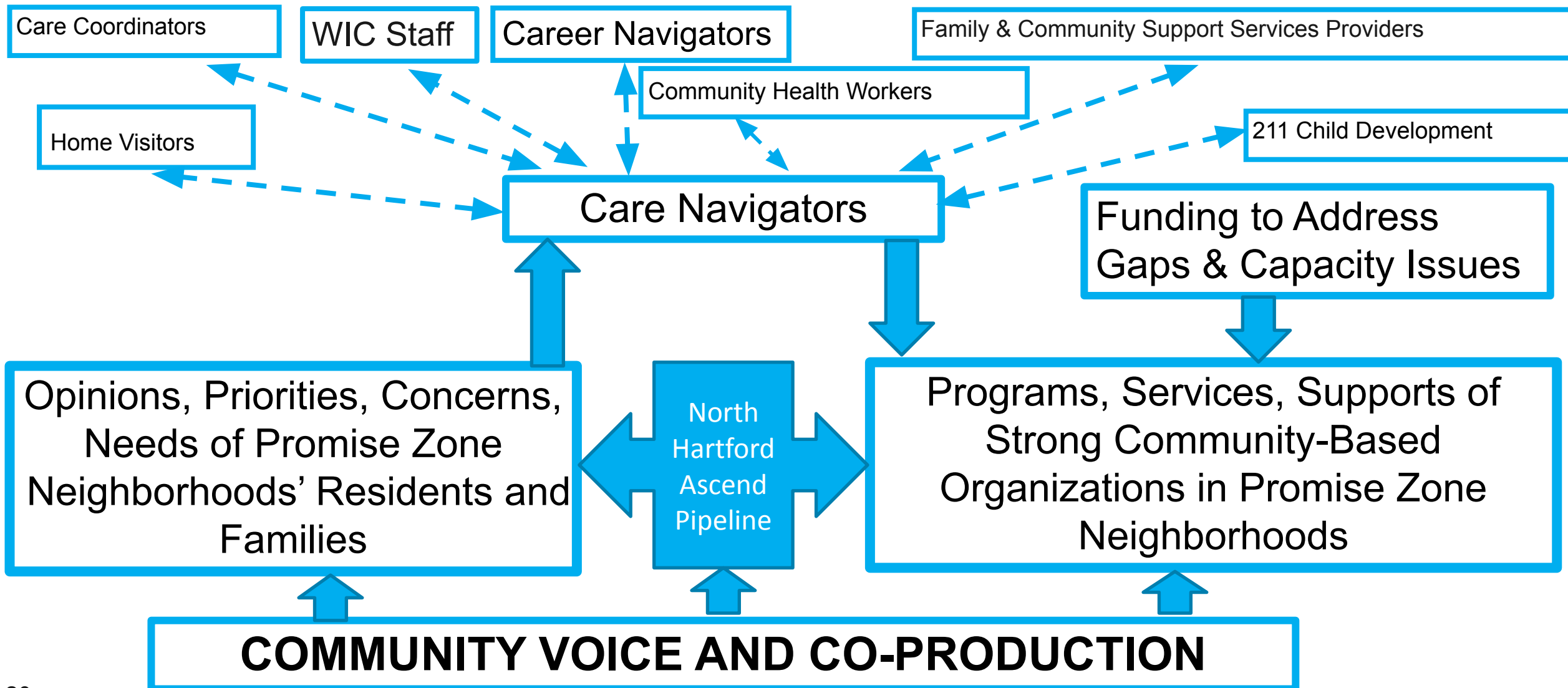
# Ideal State-Ascend Pipeline



# Ideal State-Ascend System Building



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# U.S. DOE Promise Neighborhood 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.

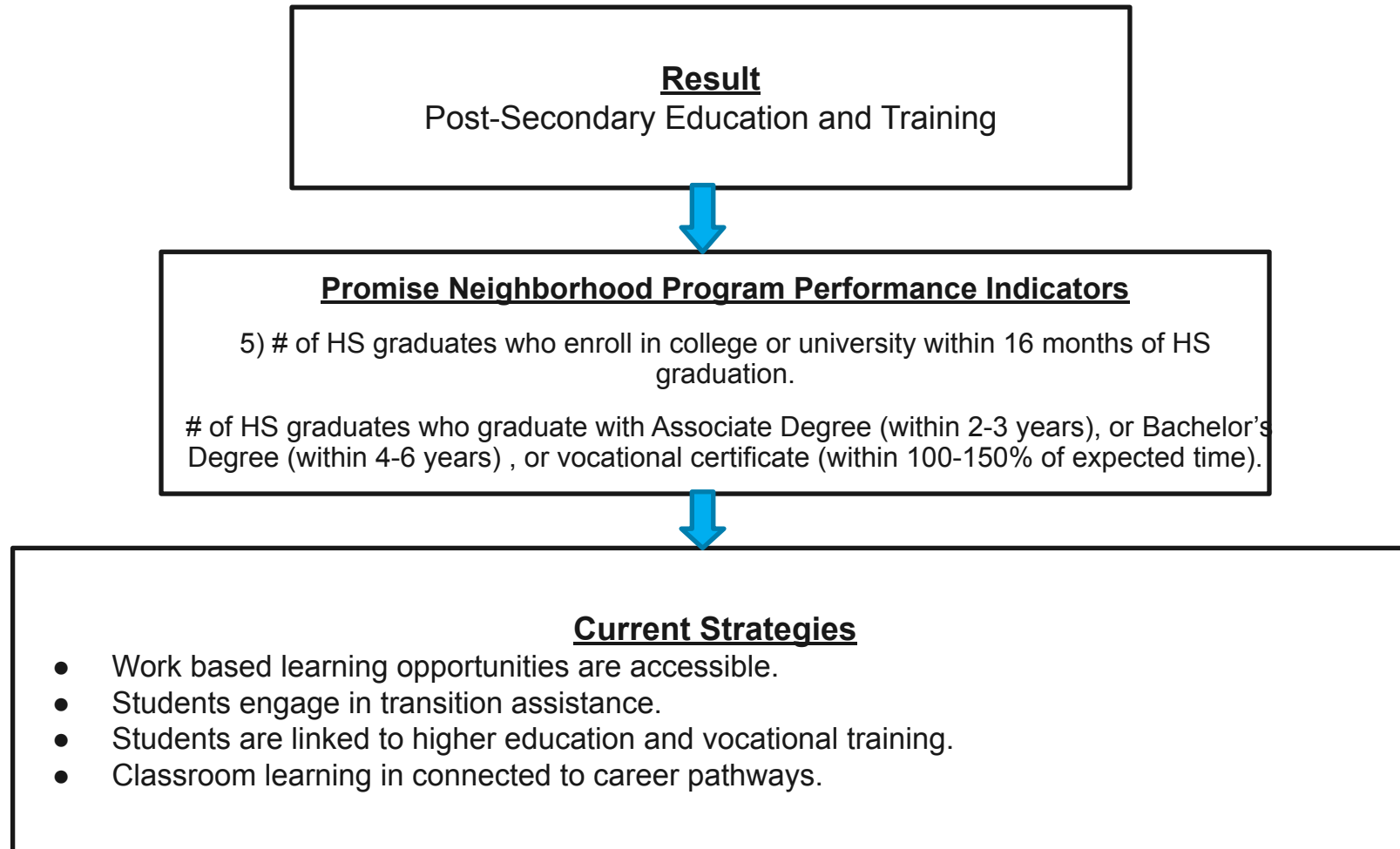
Are healthy.

Feel safe at school and in the community.

Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning tools.

# Promise Neighborhood Program Result



## *Result 5. High school graduates obtain a postsecondary degree, certification or credential*

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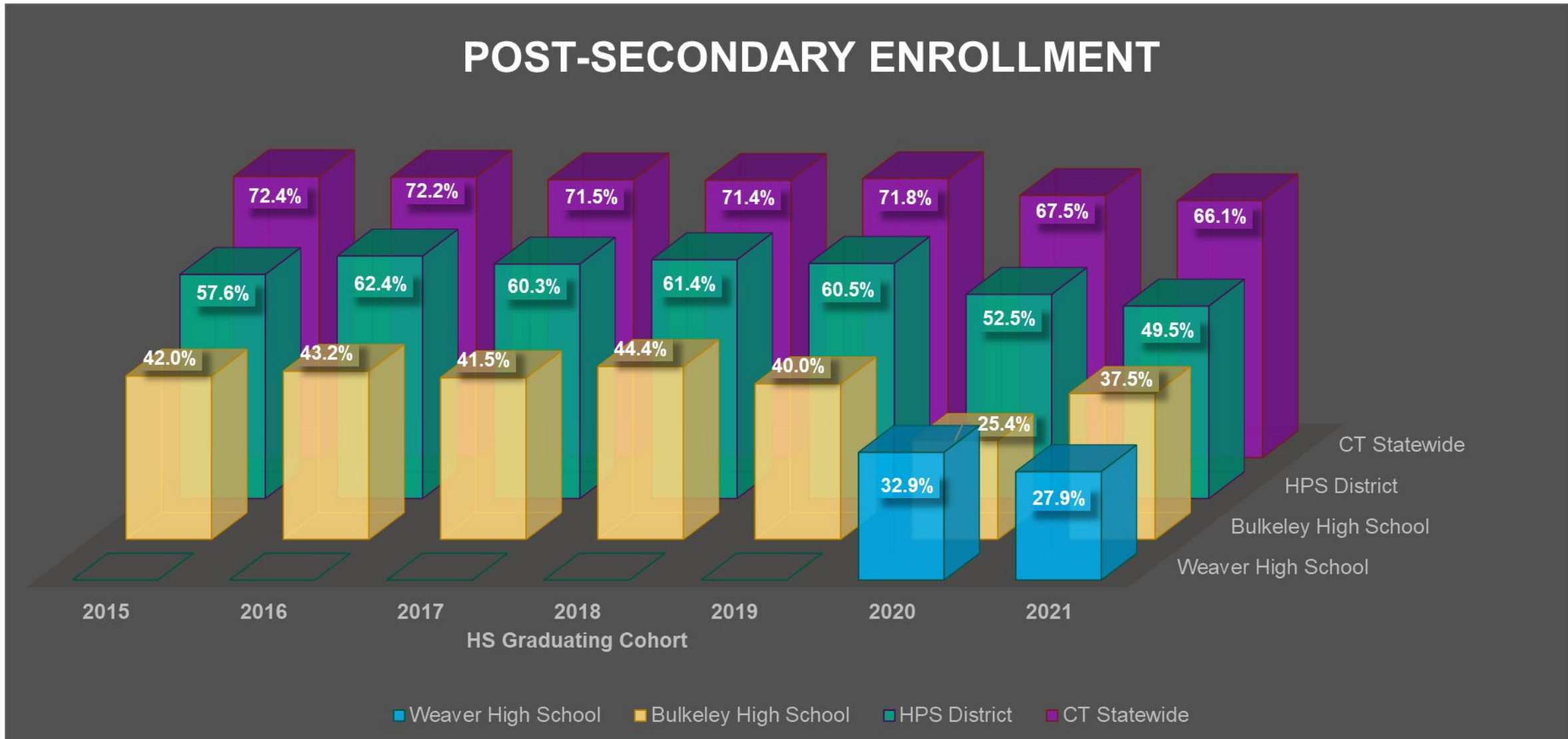
**5.1 Number and percentage of Promise Neighborhood students who *enrolled* in a two- or four-year college or university within 12 months after graduation.**

**5.2 Number and percent of Promise Neighborhood students who *graduate* from a two- or four-year college or university within (a) 4 years or (b) 6 years.**

- Student Population:
  - College Enrollment:
    - Weaver High School graduating class cohorts (2020 & 21).
  - Degree Completion:
    - Bulkeley High School graduating class cohorts (2015-2021) as a proxy for Weaver.
- Comparison cohorts
  - HPS and CT high school graduating cohorts since 2015
- The value of a college degree: [CEW Georgetown](#)

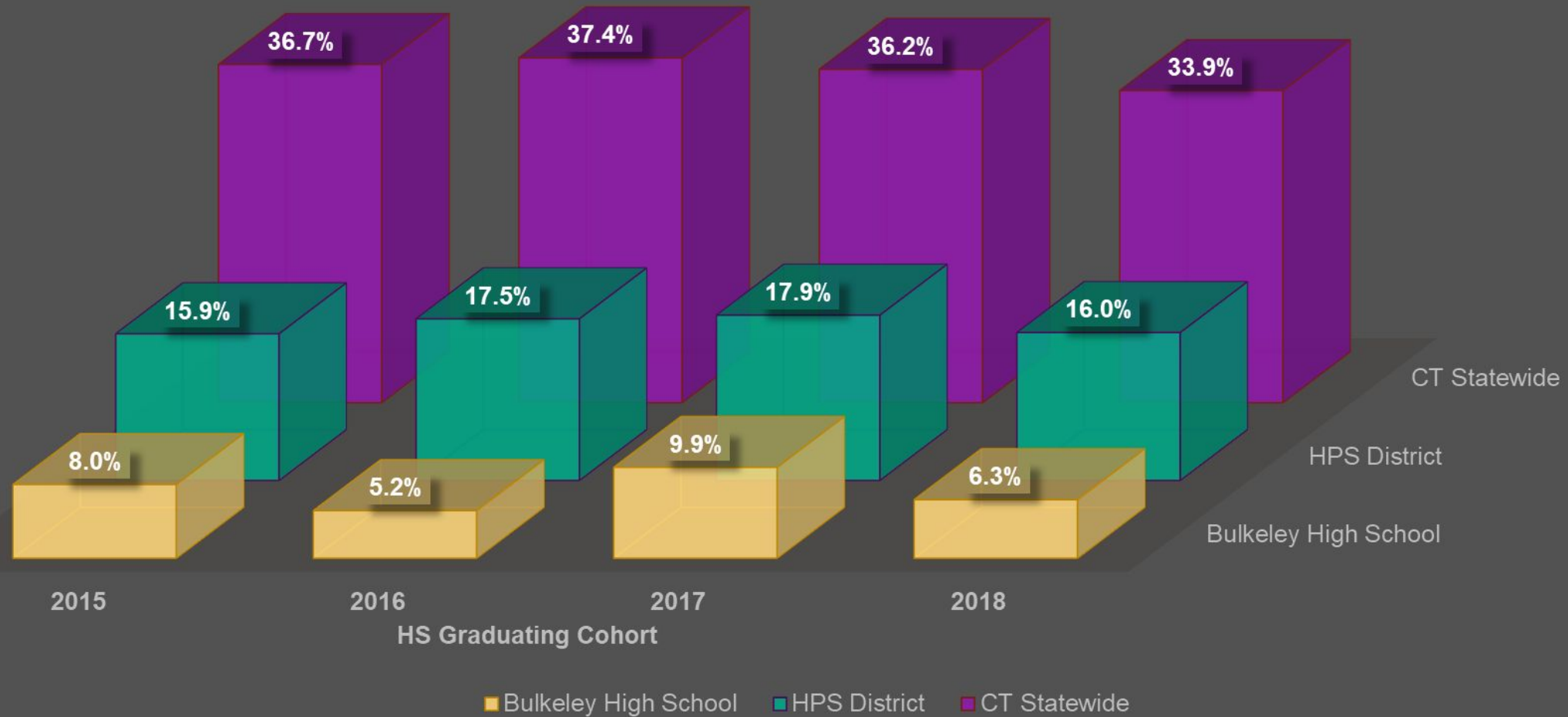


# POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT



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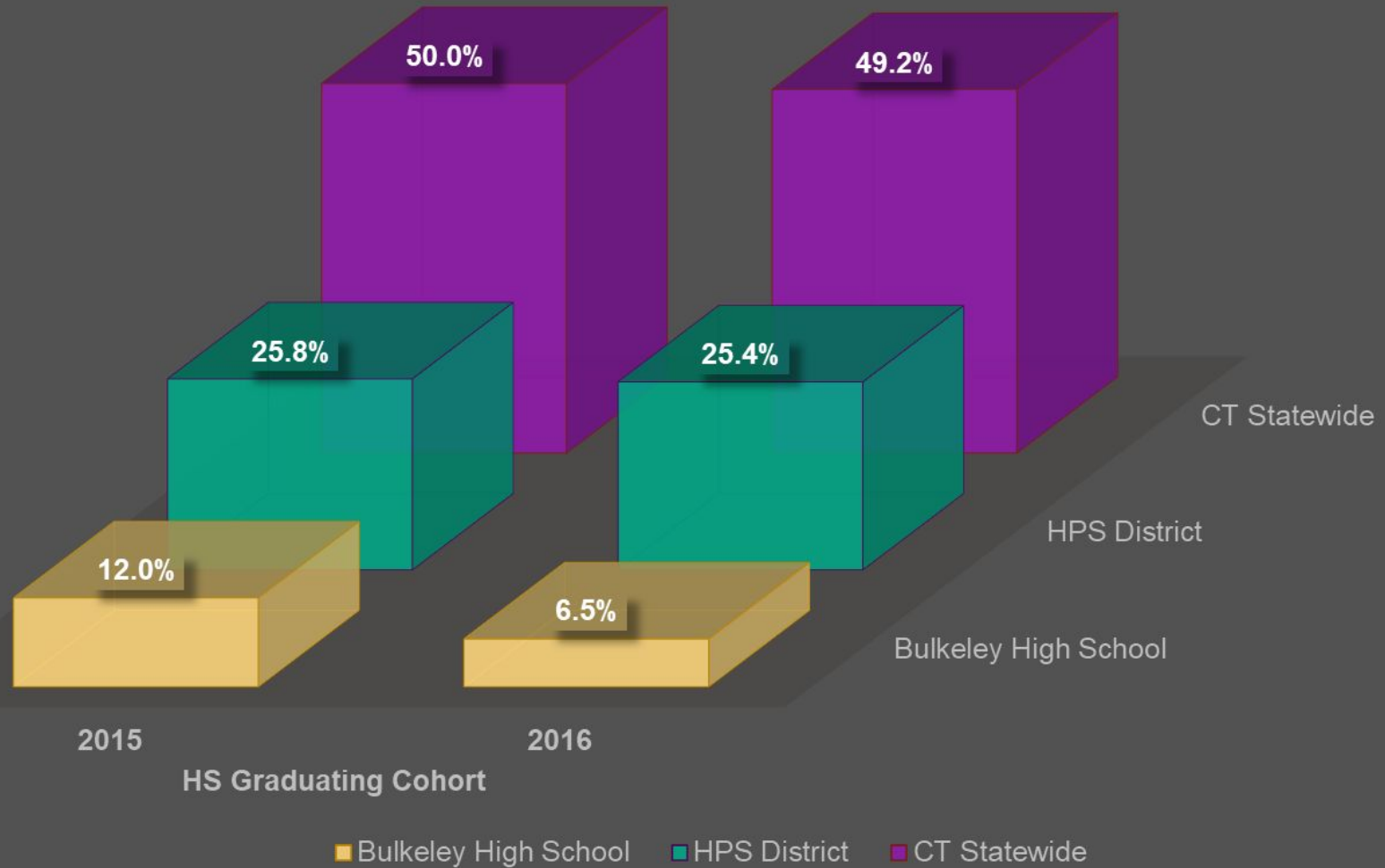
## POST-SECONDARY COMPLETION WITHIN 4-YEARS (2015-2018)



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# POST-SECONDARY COMPLETION WITHIN 6-YEARS (2015-2018)



Data Source: CT State Department of Education public data portal EdSight.ct.gov, based on data from the National Student Clearinghouse.

# Questions to Ask Ourselves

- What are the root causes of differences/trends in post-secondary enrollment and completion rates?
- What programmatic solutions already exist to address this issue? What are they doing to address it and how much/how well are they doing it?
- What else can we do to improve post-secondary enrollment and completion rates?

# Example Pipeline Programmatic Solutions

- Hartford Public Schools
  - Student Success Center at Weaver High
- Hartford Promise
  - Reach Forward (Post-Secondary)/Reach Back (HS)
- City of Hartford NHPZ (Office of the Mayor) - Degree4Me College Enrollment Program
- Capital Workforce Partners in partnership with City of Hartford DFCYR
  - Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative (HOYC)
  - High School Internship Program
  - Summer Youth Employment and Learning program
- Our Piece of the Pie in partnership with City of Hartford DFCYR
  - Hartford Youth Service Corps
- United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut: Hartford Working Cities Career Navigator
- **San Juan Center - Career Navigator**

# San Juan Center

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# Employment Program

## What do we do?

San Juan Center serves the Latino population in Greater Hartford, including providing youth career navigation services. While we served predominantly the Latino population, we also serve 39% of African American and 3% Asian clients.

## Who do we serve?

Their efforts align with Promise Neighborhood Program Results and Indicators.

- Brief justification for the use of contractors selected: Many residents living within the North Hartford Promise Zone identify as Hispanic or Latino. San Juan Center offers culturally appropriate services to youth and families that align with Promise Neighborhood Program Results and Indicators.
- Amount of time the project will be working with the contractors: Connecticut Children's will work with the San Juan Center over the entire project period (5 years).

# Employment Program

## How to get connected

Clients will complete an initial written assessment and will be interviewed by the Career Navigator. The clients will be offered 1) individualized assistance and coaching depending on existing skills and experience and 2) services of creating a new resume using state of the art software for that purpose.

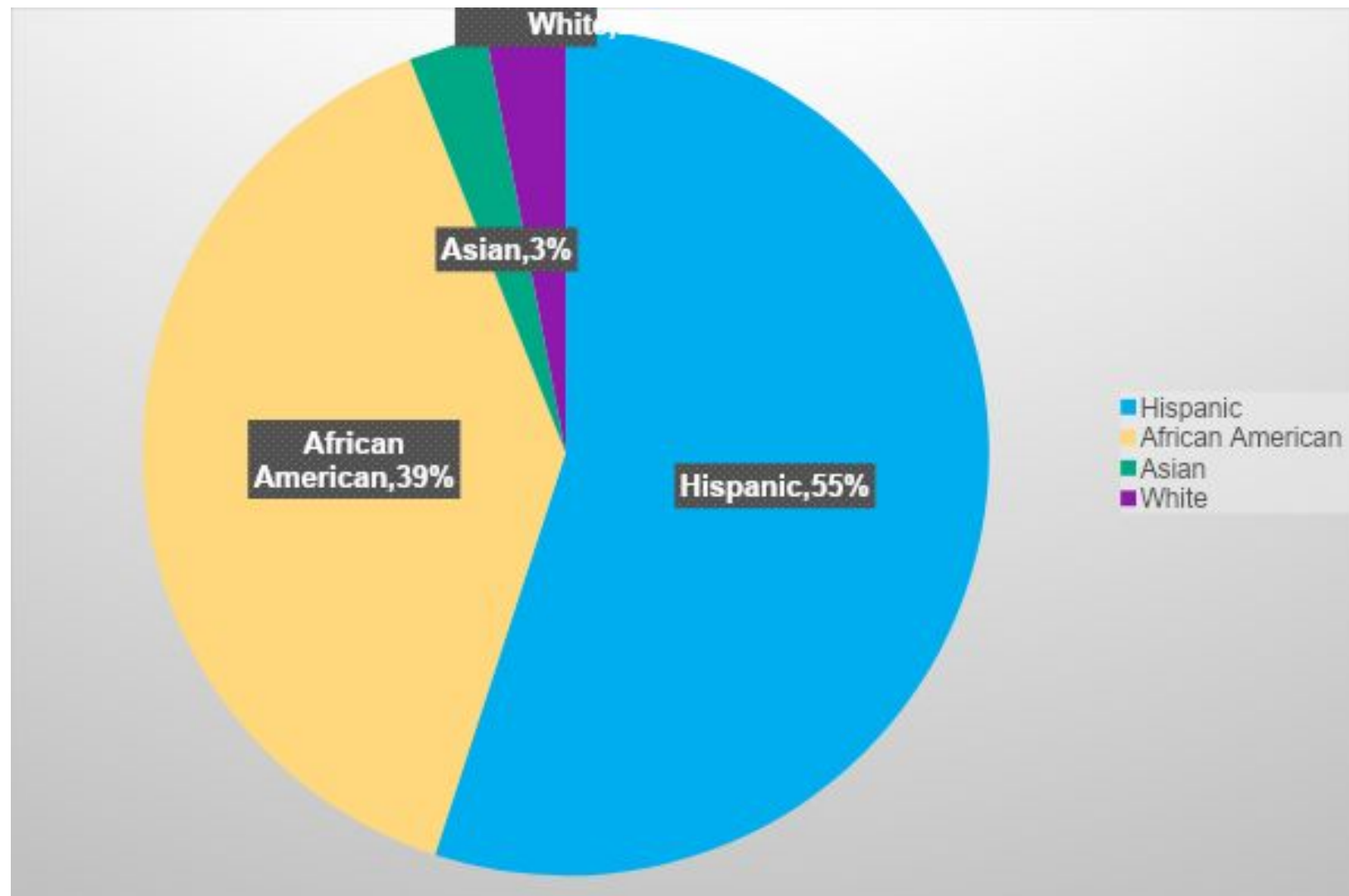
## What to expect

The Career Navigator will assist with strategies regarding interviewing skills. The clients will have access to computers at the SJC where they can do market research and receive assistance with completing electronic applications for current available jobs. Career Navigator will facilitate the referrals from existing list of companies seeking to fill their rosters with new employees, keep track of successful placement during the year and provide reports to the Connecticut Children's on a periodic basis



# San Juan Center

200 clients



# How to reach us:

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San Juan Center Inc.

1277 Main St  
Hartford, CT 06103  
P: 860-522-2205

Email:

[irisv@sanjuancenter.org](mailto:irisv@sanjuancenter.org) or  
[fernandob@sanjuancenter.org](mailto:fernandob@sanjuancenter.org)

# Breakout Session

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# Ground Rules for Breakouts

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- 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. What additional outreach strategies should San Juan Center use to connect with community members?
2. What else would you like to know that wasn't shared today?
3. What additional partners should Ascend include to help implement the Ascend strategies?

## Current Ascend Partners\*

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## Ascend Strategies

- Work based learning opportunities are accessible.
- Students engage in transition assistance.
- Students are linked to higher education and vocational training.
- Classroom learning is connected to career pathways.

*\*We are in process of reviewing our partnerships. Listed above are the partners as of 2021.*

# Thank You!

- **Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, June 14 , 2023 at 6pm**
- Are you interested in facilitating or taking notes during future Community Conversation breakout groups? Contact Ally McGinty at [amcginty@unitedwayinc.org](mailto:amcginty@unitedwayinc.org) to sign up for the Facilitating and Notetaking Workshop.
- 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. Contact Ally McGinty at [amcginty@unitedwayinc.org](mailto:amcginty@unitedwayinc.org) with any questions.
- 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.
- Any feedback and or questions, contact [nhap@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:nhap@connecticutchildrens.org)