



North Hartford Ascend

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Promise Neighborhoods Grant



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Overview

- **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

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.

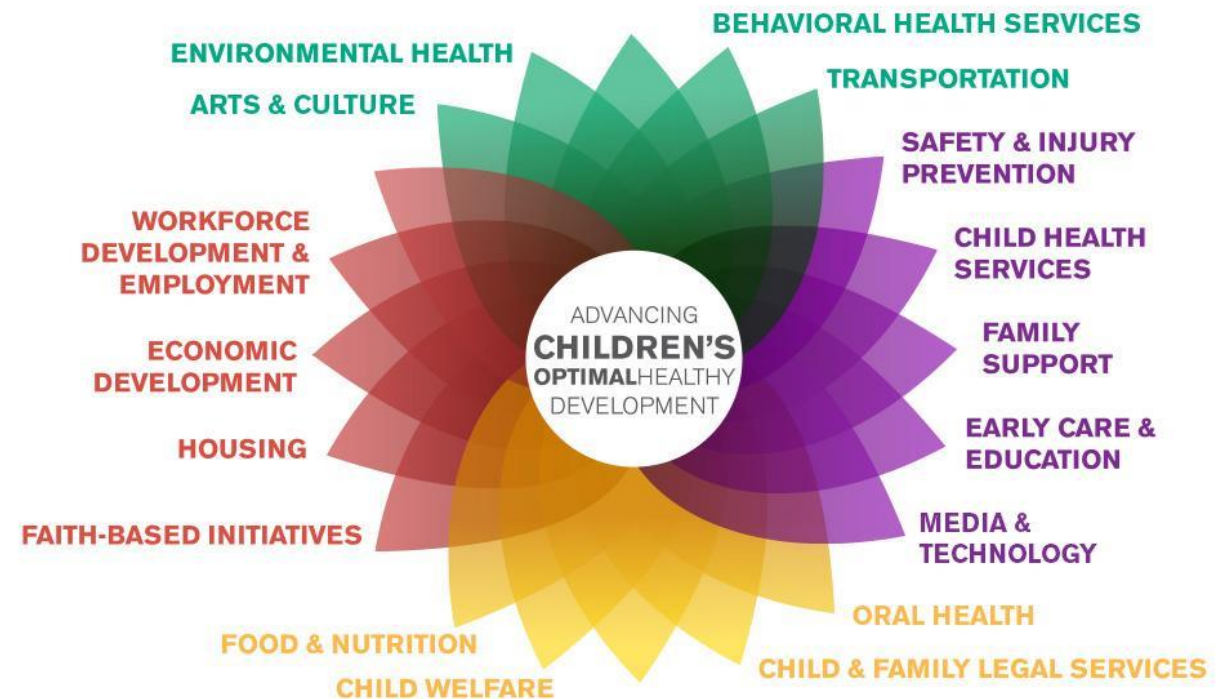
Live in stable communities.

Have access to 21st century learning tools.

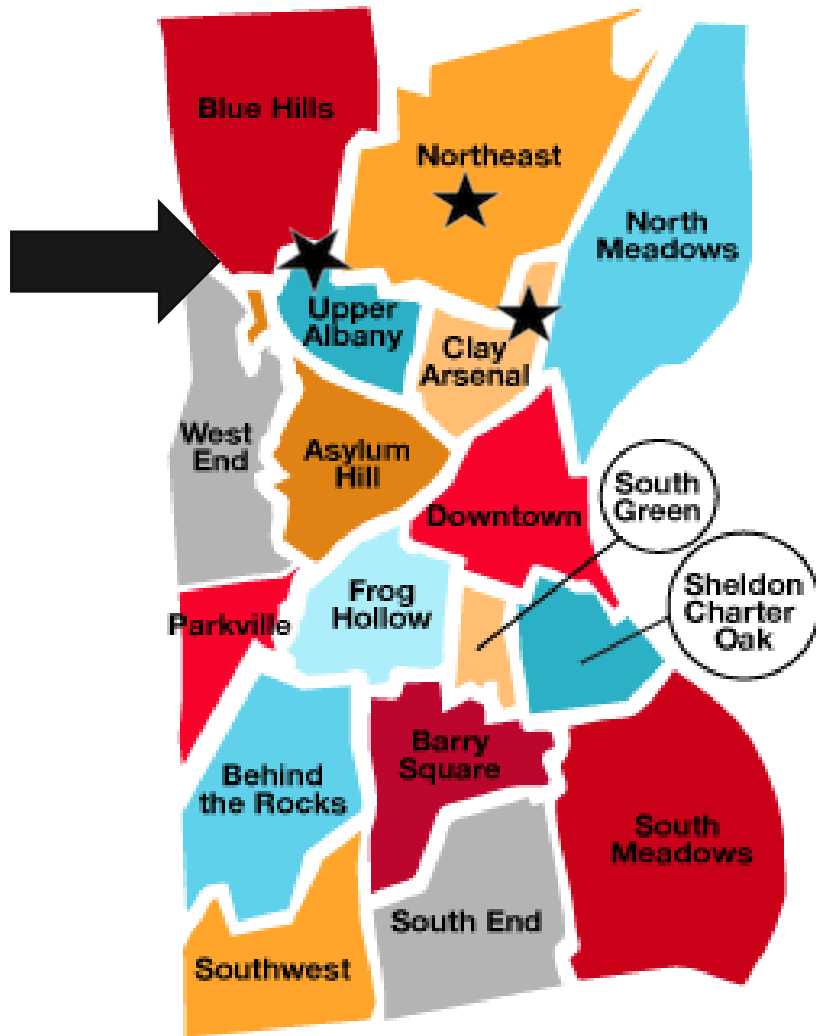
Office for Community Child Health



1. Strengthen community-oriented programs.
2. Facilitate synergies among community-oriented programs.
3. Serve as an innovation incubator and accelerator for promising and efficacious approaches that improve the short- and long-term outcomes for children and families.



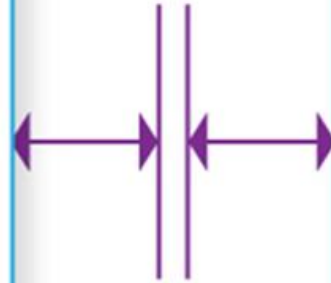
North Hartford Promise Zone (NHPZ)



- Received federal Promise Zone designation in 2015
- Since then, investments in North Hartford resulted in increased programs and services – but they were implemented in isolation from one another and failed to improve key indicators of academic achievement and attainment, community well-being and distress, and quality of life
- NHPZ scored 393 out of possible 1,000 points on the 2019 DataHaven Community Survey



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



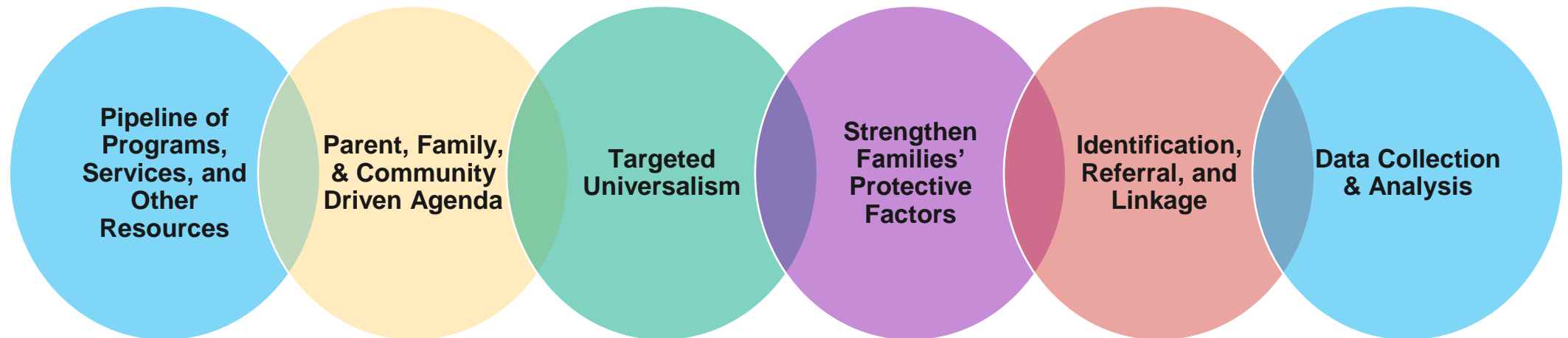
Strong Array of Programs,
Services, Supports of Community-
Based Organizations in Promise
Zone Neighborhoods



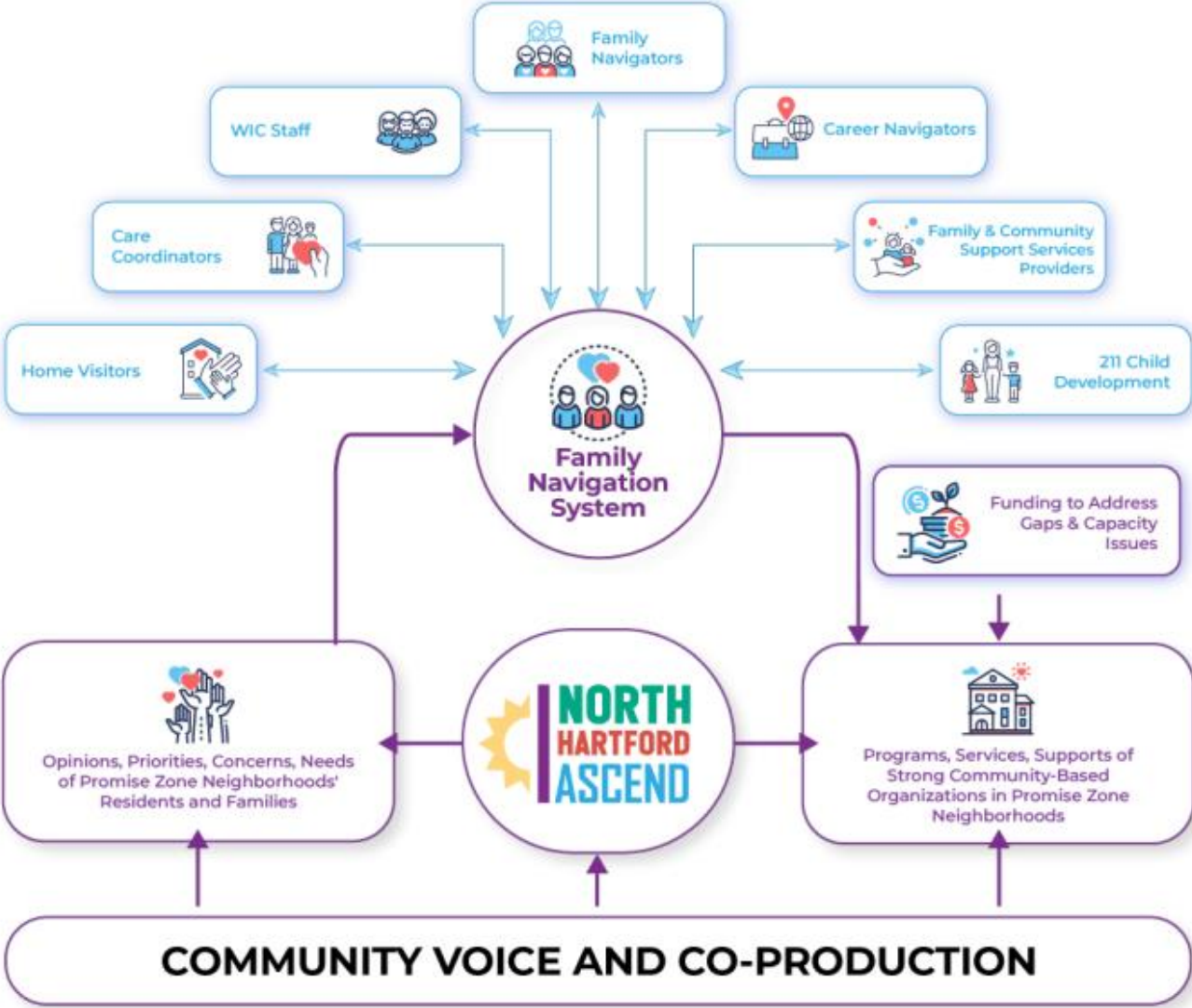
Goal:
Connect children and families, prenatal through career, living in the **North Hartford Promise Zone** to the programs, services and other resources they need to **reach their full potential.**

Strategy:
Comprehensive, integrated, and coordinated
Family Navigation System

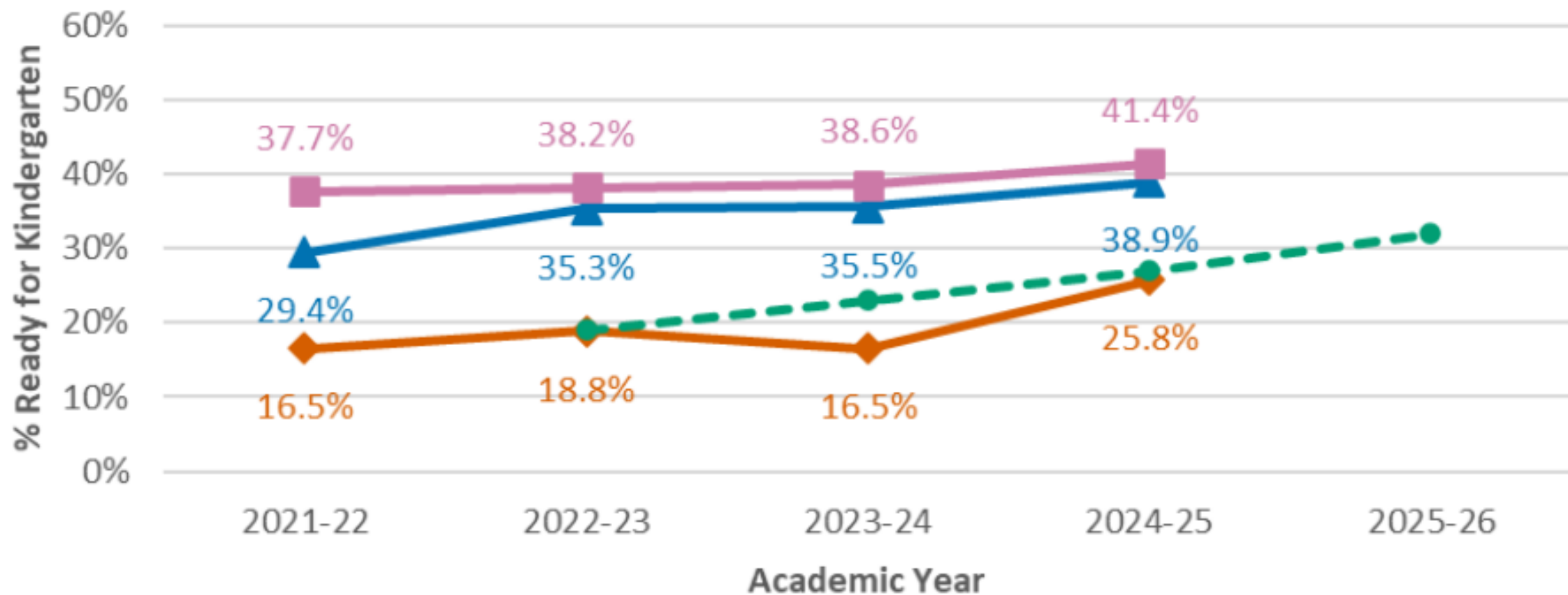
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Ideal State-Ascend System Building

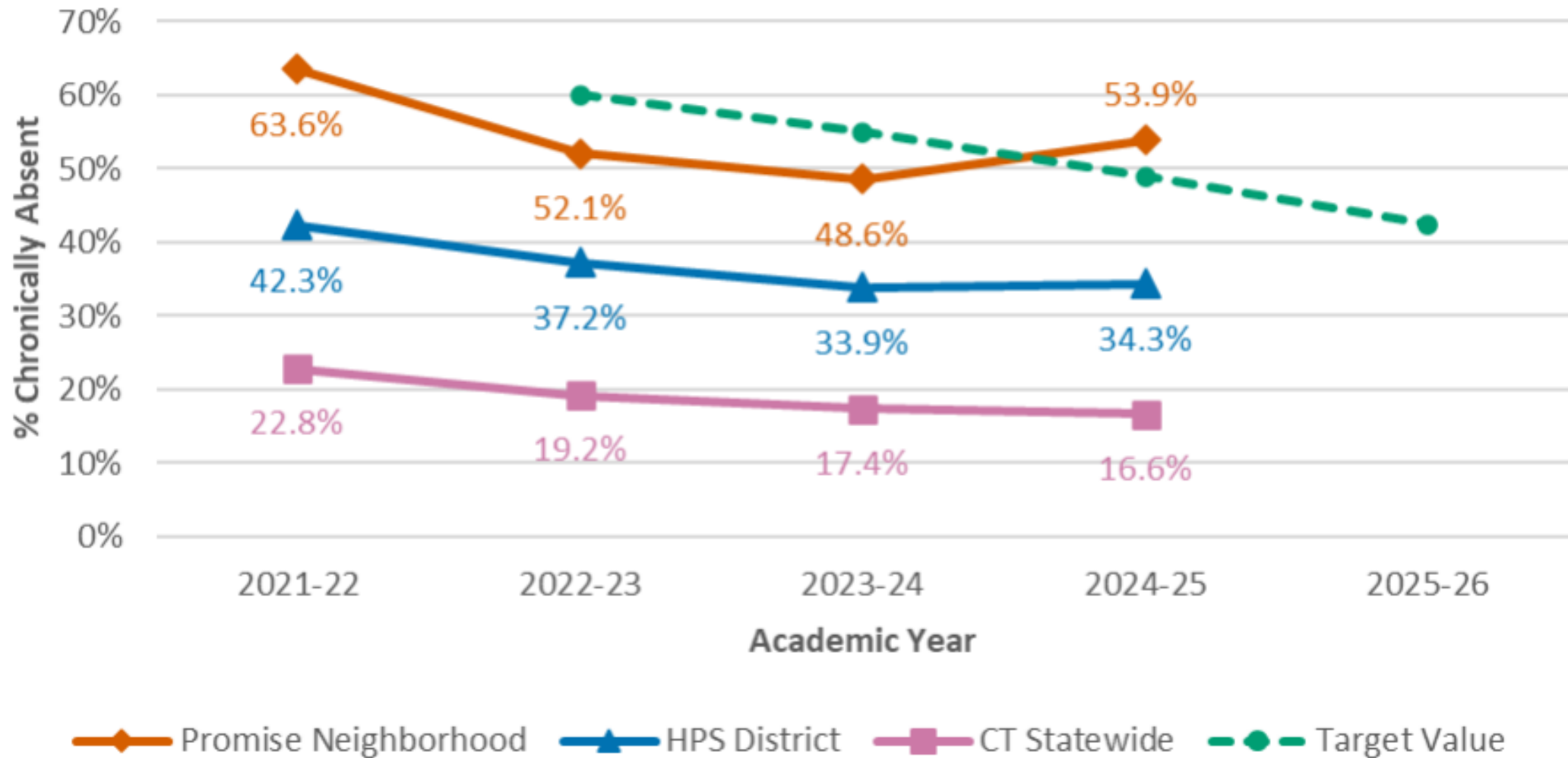


Percentage of Students Ready for Kindergarten: Language Skills, 2021-2025

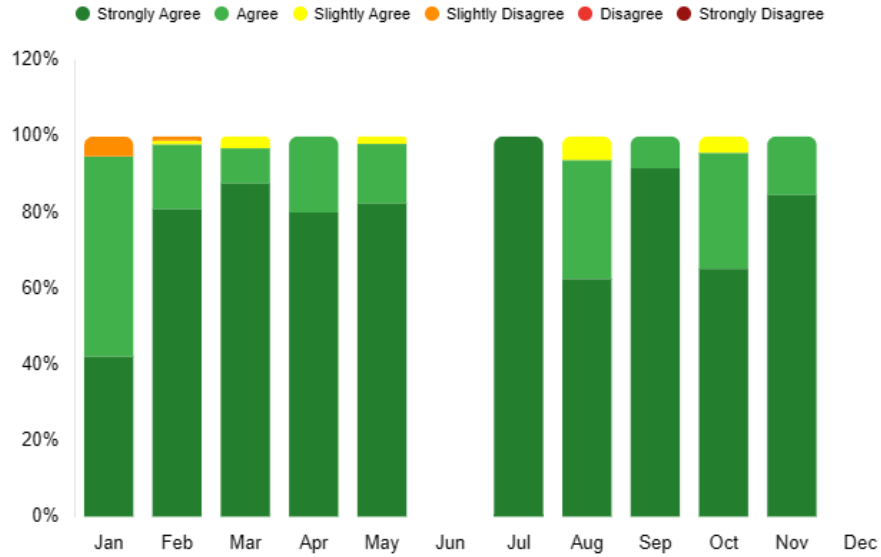


—◆— Promise Neighborhood —▲— HPS District —■— CT Statewide —●— Target Value

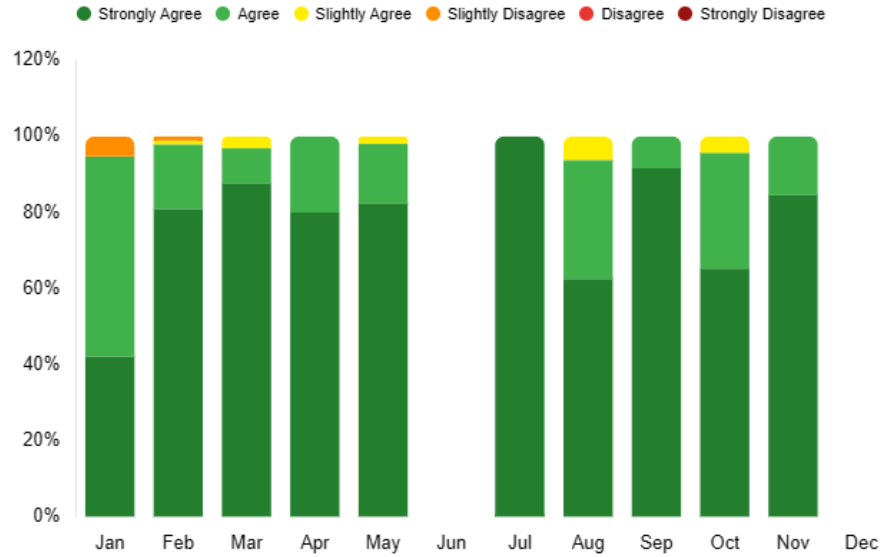
Percentage of Students Chronically Absent: 2021-2025



I am satisfied with the community conversation.

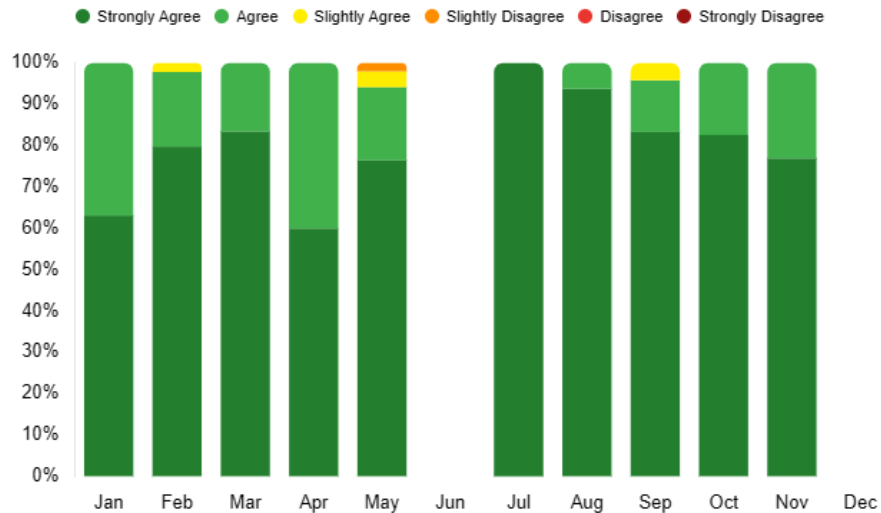


I learned about the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline and/or programs and services available to the community during the community conversation.

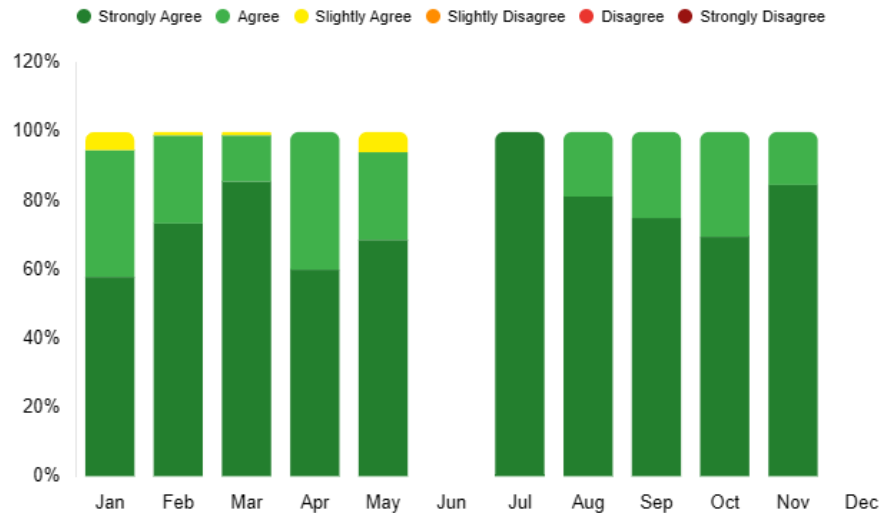


Community Voice and Leadership

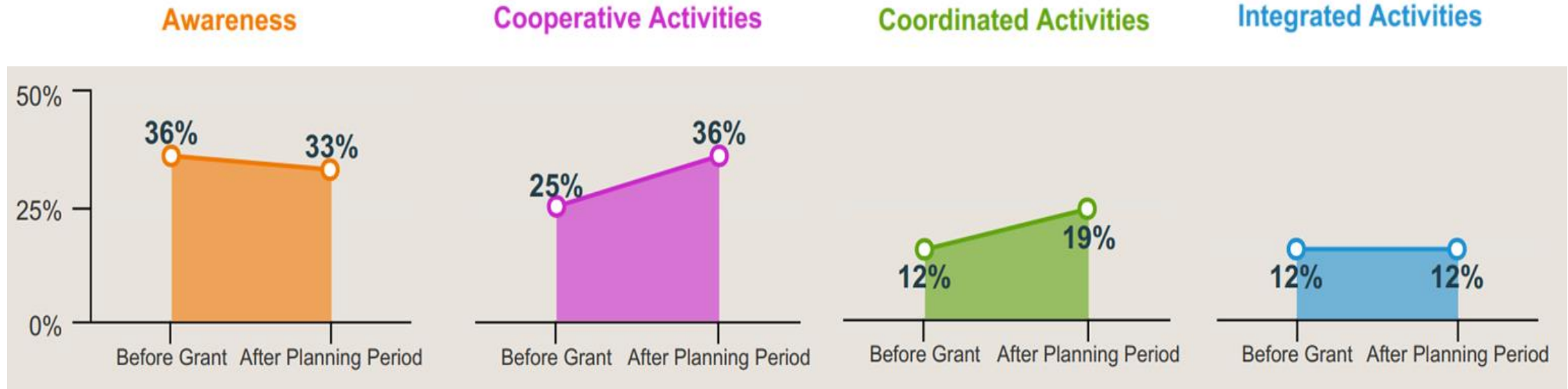
I'll encourage my friend, neighbors, and others to participate in community conversations.



Connecticut Children's and the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline value community voice, input, engagement, and leadership.



Social Network Analysis



Of the:

- 124 relationships that developed through Ascend, **85%** reported positive outcomes.
- 202 existing relationships that were deepened through Ascend, **83%** reported positive outcomes.
- 44 relationships that began through another member of Ascend, **100%** reported positive outcomes.

Join the Movement



Partnering with the Community to **Unlock Children and Families' Full Potential**

We are dedicated to uplifting the community of North Hartford by providing access to resources, support, and opportunities for growth and success.

[Get Involved](#)

[Community Resource Map](#)



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Join Community Conversations

NORTH HARTFORD ASCEND

SUMMER PROGRAMS FAIR

Plan Your Summer,
Secure Your Spot!

- ✓ Summer programs & youth employment
- ✓ Cost, location, & age range info
- ✓ Easy application steps
- ✓ On-site support for registration

 Wednesday
February 18, 2026



 6:00- 7:30 PM



 Parker Memorial
Community
Center


[REGISTER
HERE](#)





Participate in Community Workshops

DEC 18   **Talking Through the Tough Stuff With Your Child**
Parker Memorial Community Center
December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM EST
Private

DEC 16   **URISE Small Business Showcase**
BENNETT BUILDING
December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM EST
Private

DEC 11   **Young Adults: Network Like a Pro**
Parker Memorial Community Center
December 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM EST
Private

DEC 10   **Advocacy in Action: The Label Conversation**
Parker Memorial Community Center
December 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM EST
Private

DEC 8   **Understanding Conflict & Simple Tools for De-escalation**
Parker Memorial Community Center
December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM EST
Private

Leverage the Community Resource Map



North Hartford Ascend Community Resource Map

Home About **Map View** Ascend Affiliates Table Resources Table

Legend

- Ascend Affiliates
- Community Resources
- Schools

Instructions

- Click on a shape on the map to view details about that resource.
- Filter resources using the "Filter Resources" buttons below.
- Use the search button in the top-right corner of the map to zoom in.

Select a Resource Category:
0 Selected

Select a Resource Sub-Category:
0 Selected

Schools

Community Resources

Ascend Affiliates

Hartford Bus Routes

City of Hartford, CT, MDC, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USG... Powered by Esri

Connect with a Family Navigator



The Village for Families & Children Supporting North Hartford Families

At **North Hartford Ascend**, we are committed to ensuring families and children in our community have access to the resources they need to **thrive from prenatal to career**. That's why we are excited to feature **The Village** as our latest **Affiliate Spotlight**, recognizing



[The North Hartford Ascend Pipeline \(Ascend\) | The Village](#)

Thank You!

