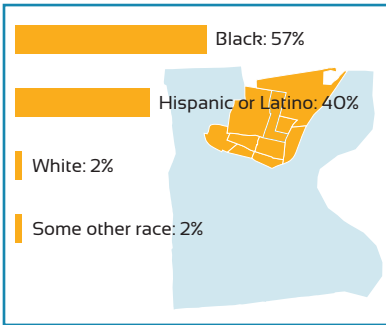



North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

Hartford, CT

Community Composition








 **5** schools in Ascend

 **7,536** children in footprint
434 children in ECE
5,858 children in K-12

 **\$28,114** Median household income

 **38%** below poverty level

North Hartford Ascend Pipeline (Ascend) is a multisector, coordinated, and comprehensive prenatal-through-career pipeline. Ascend helps children living in the federally designated North Hartford Promise Zone reach their full potential by improving academic and developmental outcomes, long-term well-being, and quality of life.

Pipeline	Select Strategies
Early Childhood Education (ECE)  <p>75% of children are targeted to enter kindergarten with age-appropriate skills by 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stronger Families, Stronger Futures, the Child Development Infoline, and the Hartford Family Childcare network provide an integrated approach to developmental promotion, early detection, referral, and linkage.
K-12 Education  <p>4 of 5 schools in the Ascend focus area will succeed with "turnaround" plans of improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Success Plans for students in grades 6–12 document progress toward goals to support academic achievement. Specialized resource teachers help students with learning challenges to improve academic outcomes.
College and Career Readiness  <p>80–86% is the target high school graduation rate by 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach Back, Reach Forward engages high school students in higher education planning and funds scholarships. The Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative offers cross-sector solutions to engage organizations in addressing the needs of out-of-school and out-of-work youth.
Family and Community Supports  <p>575 families will be engaged in assessment, referral, and linkage services by 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family navigators, 211 Child Development care coordinators, and home visitors link families to community-based programs and services. Discretionary funds are used to address gaps and capacity issues.
Resident and Community Leadership & System Building  <p>75% of families will be engaged with services in at least three pipeline areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community leaders facilitate community convenings, build agendas, and serve as liaisons to Ascend leaders. The Peer Outreach Initiative leverages peer outreach specialists to engage community members in activities and services.

Innovative Strategy Spotlight



Ascend's efforts focus on system building, cross-sector collaboration, and a pipeline of solutions that deliver sustained community impacts and increase equity. Rather than developing new programs, Ascend's goal is to link families to existing services and resources to ensure universal access to high-quality and evidence-based solutions. Ascend plans to co-construct its programmatic priorities with the community, starting with a robust governance structure that includes community representation at all levels, from workgroups to oversight bodies.