

Abstract North Hartford Promise Neighborhood: North Hartford Ascend Pipeline

Connecticut Children's will collaboratively design, implement, and evaluate the North Hartford Ascend Pipeline (NHAP): a comprehensive prenatal through career pipeline that significantly improves the academic and developmental outcomes of children and their long-term well-being and quality of life. This will be accomplished by focusing on six key activities: 1) integrate and coordinate existing and newly developed services into a comprehensive pipeline; 2) elevate the role of parents, residents, and the community by leveraging a parent- and family-led agenda and community-driven engagement strategies; 3) deploy a targeted universalism approach to achieve equity; 4) strengthen families' protective factors; 5) prioritize early identification, referral, and linkage to services; and 6) collect and analyze individual, programmatic, and system data to evaluate the impact of NHAP.

NHAP will make measurable progress on Promise Neighborhood Program Results and Performance Indicators, as outlined in the Notification of Funding Availability. NHAP will also measurably strengthen families' protective factors, knowledge of child development, social connections, parental resilience, concrete support in times of need, and social-emotional competence of children. System-level outcomes include: shared data infrastructure; shared quality, performance, and outcomes goals; shared practices within and across pipeline domains; appropriate utilization of programs, services, and resources; and sustained universal accessibility to NHAP.

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Museum Elementary Schools, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thirman Milner Middle Schools, and Weaver High School) and Parker Memorial Community Center will serve as centralized access points to NHAP. These sites are located within the North Hartford Promise Zone (NHPZ) (zip codes: 06118 and 06120). Other project partners located in the NHPZ include InterCommunity, Wheeler Clinic, and Community Health Services. The remaining project partners will also serve as pipeline providers and entry points into the system of care. They are located proximate to the NHPZ, but are accessible through both the Community Schools and Parker Memorial Community Center. These project partners include: the City of Hartford, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, The Village for Families and Children, United Way of Connecticut, Hartford Promise, San Juan Center, and University of Connecticut Health Center.

Community Schools located within NHPZ serve approximately 2,000 students. NHAP projects all students enrolled in community schools will be connected to a minimum of three pipeline services. NHAP also projects engaging 575 families in moderate to intensive assessment, referral, and linkage to services during the project period.

NHAP aligns with *Absolute Priority 1 – Non-Rural, Non-Tribal Area*. NHAP serves three neighborhoods: Clay Arsenal; Northeast and Upper Albany; census tracts 5009, 5012 5013, 5014, 5015, 5017, 5018, 5035, 5037 and 5244. NHAP addresses three competitive preferences: *Community Level Opioid Abuse Prevention, Applications from New Potential Grantees, and Evidence-Based Activities to Support Academic Achievement*. It also aligns with the invitational priority, *Community-Based Crime Reduction*.