

Quarterly Convening

December 15, 2020

Welcome

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Agenda

- ▶ **Opening - Jennifer Barahona**
- ▶ **Board of Directors - Cathy DeCesare**
- ▶ **Sally Grose Award**
- ▶ **Anthony Allison Recognition**
- ▶ **Brief Year in Review**
- ▶ **Policy - Jesse Buccolo**
 - Legislator Welcome
 - ConnCAN
 - Breakout Groups
- ▶ **Closing - Jennifer Barahona**

Board of Directors

➤ **Cathy DeCesare**

- Outgoing Board Members
 - Harry Carey
 - Linda Franciscovich
 - Diana Révolus
- 2021 Board of Directors

2021 Proposed Board of Director Slate

Newly
proposed
board
members



Rev. Elizabeth Abel



Charlie Allred



Sarah Rendón García

See Chat for link: <https://forms.gle/nAapqREjF6ctHGNk6>

****Only Norwalk ACTS members who signed the 2020 MOA are eligible to vote.***

Sally Grose Award

- Introduction by 2019 award recipient, Rev. Lindsay Curtis
 - 2020 Sally Grose Award presented to

Bruce Ritter



Honoring Anthony Allison



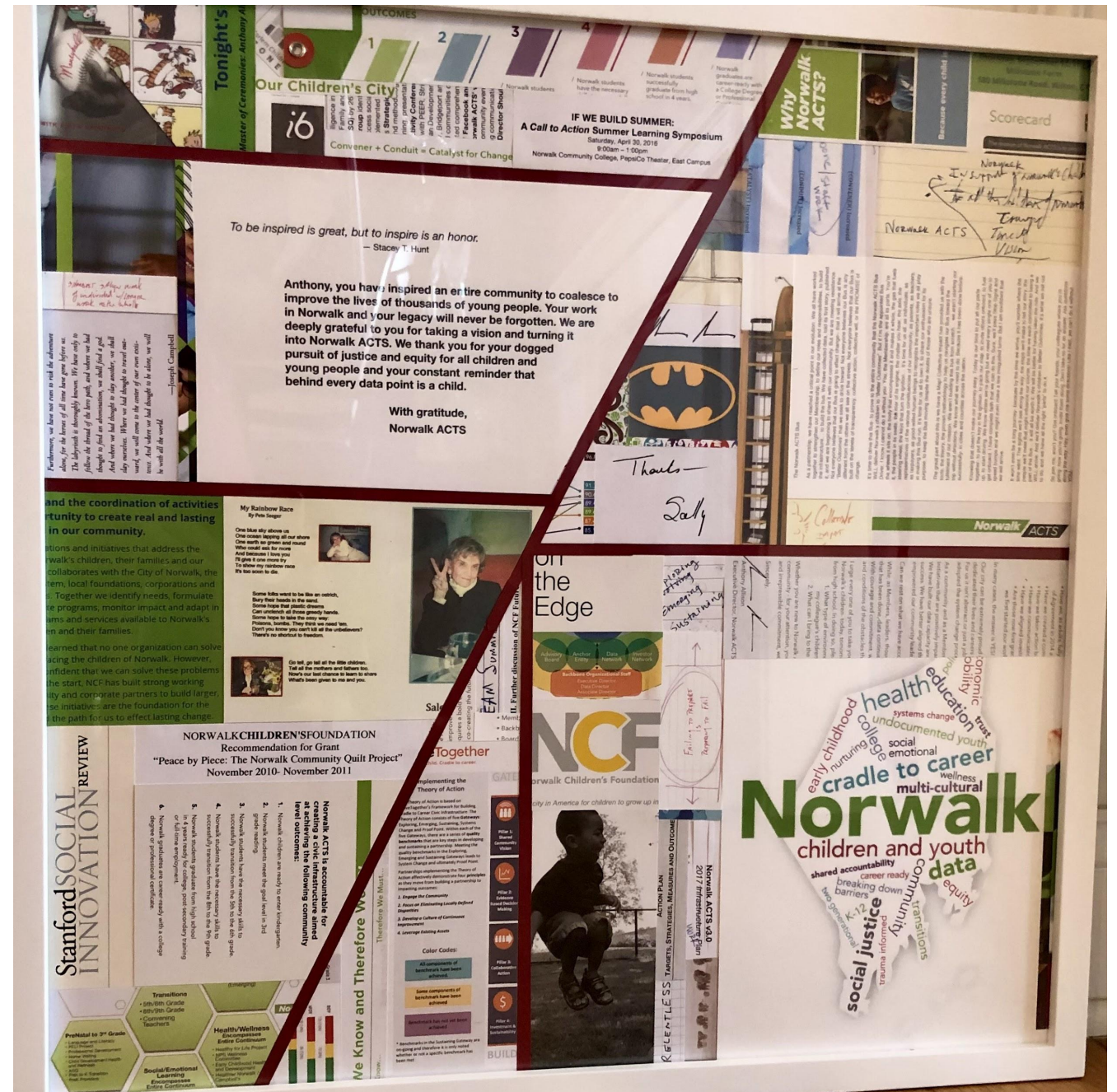
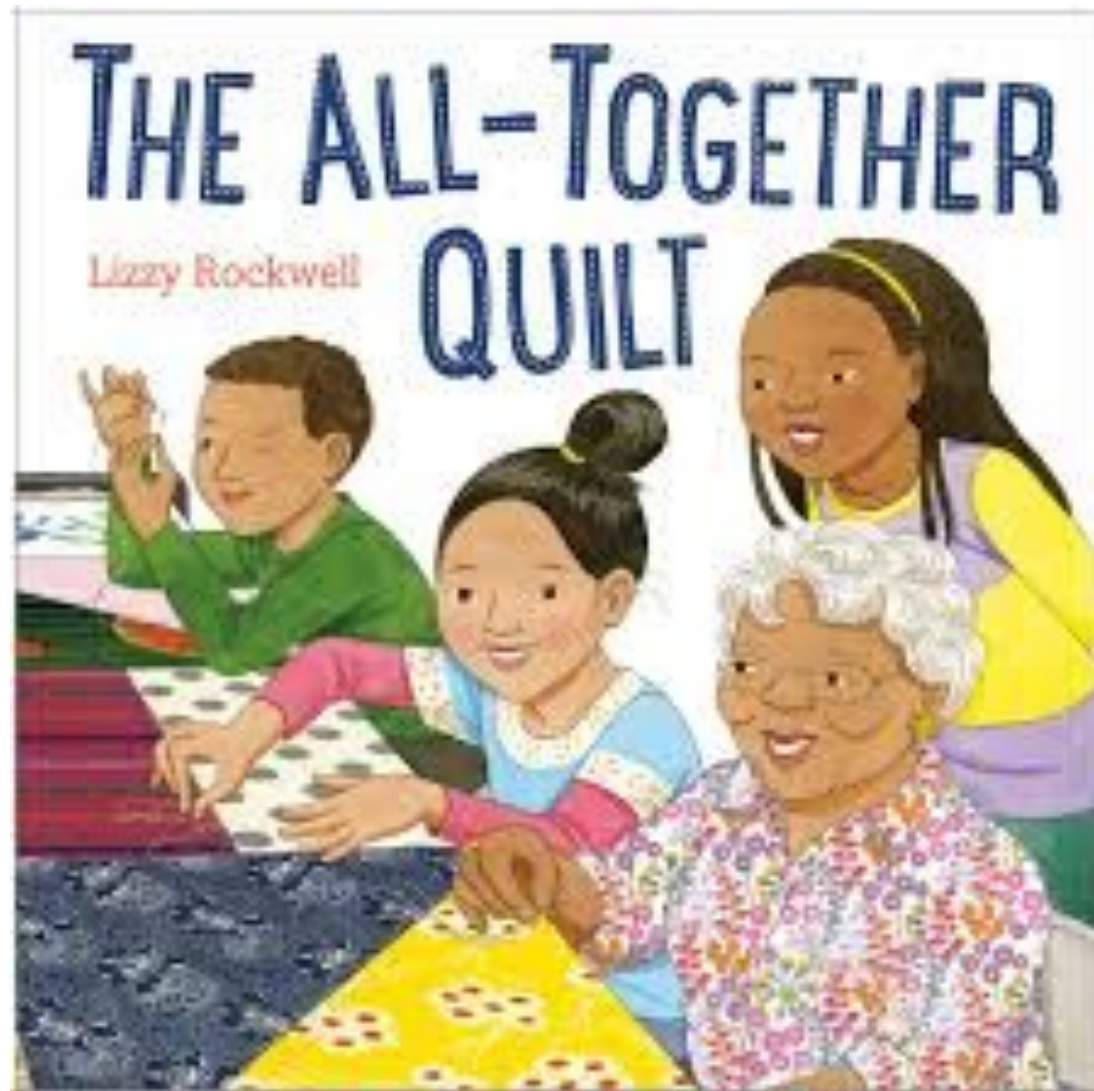
Anthony Allison Community Engagement Award & Scholarship

Dan Sullivan & John O'Donnell

- Words from Michael Propersi, first recipient



Thank you Anthony!



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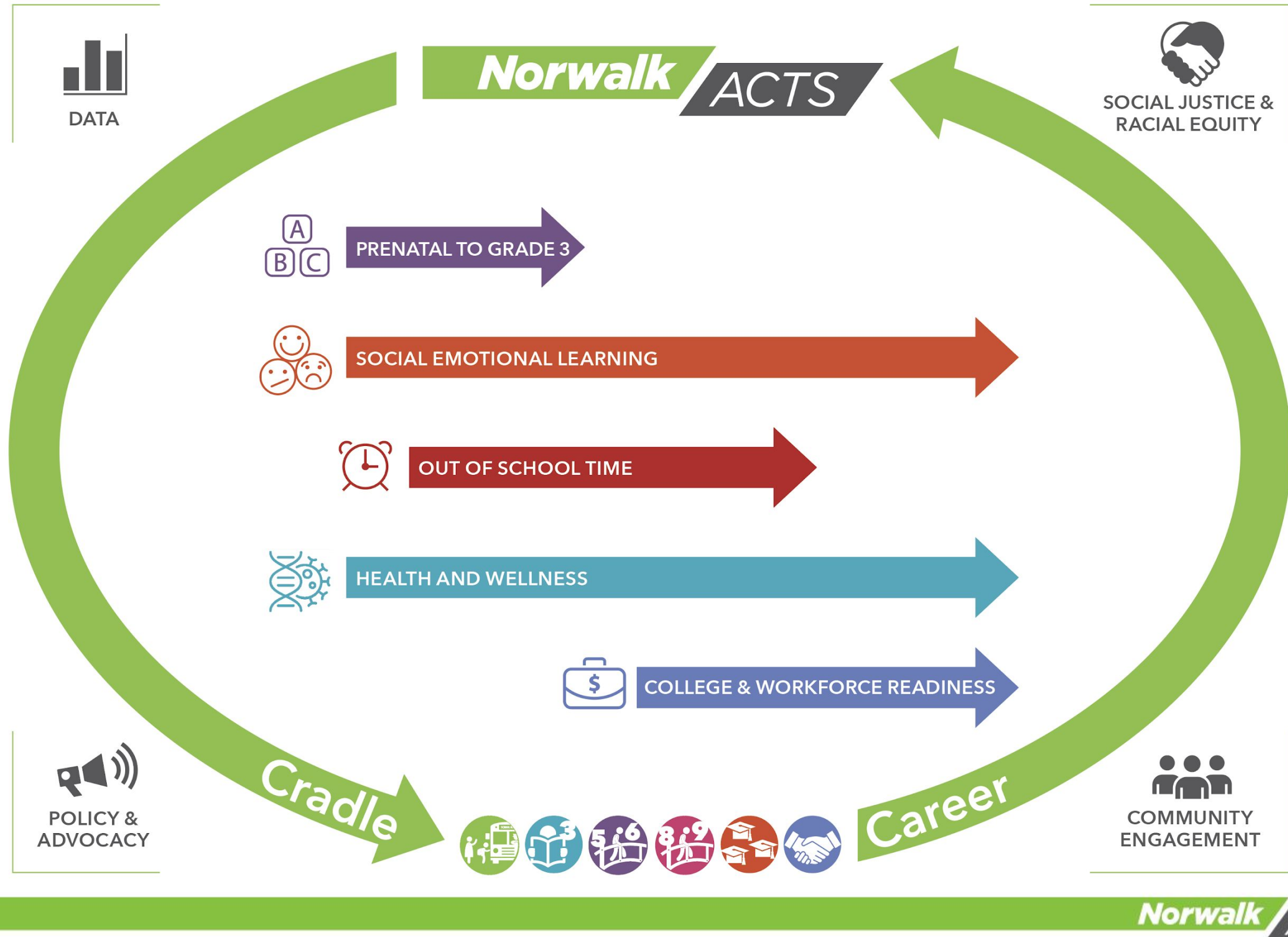
Unbuntu Award - I am, because you are

Ubuntu exists when people unite for a common good; that if we join together we can overcome our differences and our problems. Whoever we are, wherever we live, whatever our culture, Ubuntu can help us coexist in harmony and peace.

Ubuntu has its roots in humanist African philosophy, where the idea of community is one of the building blocks of society.

2020 Annual Impact Report

Norwalk ACTS Ecosystem



Racial Equity Update



Thought Partner
SOLUTIONS

Assessment Phase

- Jamal Video & Assessment Links

Winter Workshop Series

- January 14th - Everyday Anti-Racism
- February 10th - Being an Effective Ally for Change
- March 11th - Building a Culture of Inclusivity

Thank you to our public officials



Rep Terrie Wood



Rep. Stephanie Thomas



Rep. Lucy Dathan



Rep. Travis Simms



Senator Bob Duff



**Common
Council**



Barbara Smyth



Diana Revolus



Darlene Young



Tom Livingston



David Heuvelman



Greg Burnett



**Board of
Education**



Godfrey Azima



Barbara Meyer-Mitchell



Sherelle Harris



Diana Carpio



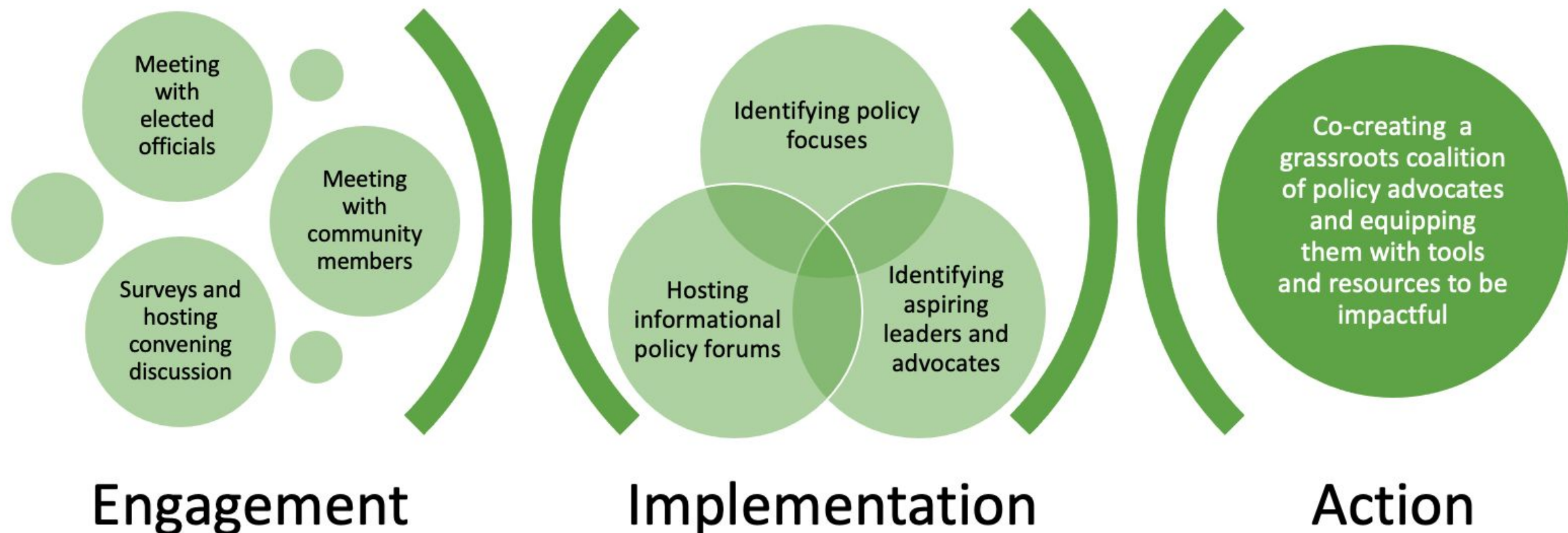
Colin Hosten

Our Policy Work Ahead

What we've learned so far in our conversations and surveys...

Norwalk has an **appetite to engage** in policy/advocacy work

Norwalk's youth and families are **not feeling heard or connected to**



Introducing



ConnCAN is leading an advocacy movement to ensure that all kids in The Constitution State have access to a high-quality education, regardless of their address.



Toni Williams
Statewide Outreach and Advocacy Manager



Hamish MacPhail
Policy & Research Director

Youth Advocacy in Action: BMHS Center for Youth Leadership (CYL)



Breakout Group Conversation Norms & Agenda

Conversation Norms

1. Listen and be open to different perspectives and experiences.
2. Show respect and suspend judgment.
3. Disagreement is an opportunity to expand our perspectives.
4. Check your assumptions and assume positive intent.
5. Be purposeful and to the point.
6. Step up, step back.
7. What's shared here, stays here.

Our Breakout Groups

- Prenatal-Grade 3
 - Social-Emotional Learning
 - Out of School Time
 - College & Workforce Readiness
 - Health & Wellness
 - Social Justice & Racial Equity
- Including 1 facilitator, 1 backbone staff, and elected officials

Flow:

2 Minutes - Quick Introductions
(Name/Affiliation & Role)

3 Minutes - Silent Data Reflection

~30 Minutes - Discussion

Closing

Please complete our optional plus/delta form to leave convening feedback (link in chat):



The screenshot shows a digital form titled "Norwalk ACTS Quarterly Convening Plus/Delta Form". The form includes a header with the Norwalk ACTS logo, a title, and a brief instruction. It contains several input fields: "First and Last Name (optional)", "Organization Name (optional)", "How informative was this convening to your organization's role, responsibilities, and/or practice?" (with a 1-5 scale), "How engaging was this Convening?" (with a 1-5 scale), "What went well with today's convening? (Plus)", "What should we consider differently next time? (Delta)", and "Any questions or wonderings that were unanswered?". A green "Submit" button is at the bottom.

If you have not yet done so, please sign our digital **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**.

The MOA will be emailed out after this convening and is posted on our website.

Upcoming Events in 2021 - Save the Dates!

January 11th at 3 PM - Restorative Practices Monthly Convening

January 12th at 3:30 PM - PreK-K Transition Workgroup

January 13th at 7 PM - Youth Town Hall: Black Male Student Leadership

January 14th at 10 AM - TPS Workshop - Everyday Racism

January 20th at 3:30 PM - SEL Initiative Meeting

January TBD - Community Conversation Series

January TBD - OST Initiative

February TBD- Home Visiting Workgroup

February 10th at 10 AM - TPS Workshop - How to Be an Effective Ally for Change

February 11th at 1 PM - Norwalk ACTS Data Walk

March 11th at 10 AM - TPS Workshop - Building a Culture of Inclusivity & Belonging

March 16 at 9:00 AM - Quarterly Convening

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