

## Community Partnerships

Ambassadors to Community | Advocates for Families | Advisors to ACS

**Overview** The Community Partnerships represent ACS' ongoing commitment to partner with communities to advance primary prevention strategies. The Partnerships are coalitions that serve as local hubs for community leaders, residents, providers, and other stakeholders to: 1) collaborate and share resources, 2) increase family access to information and resources, and 3) design primary prevention strategies. Partnerships ensure that everyone – from government agencies to community providers, faith-based groups, and local leaders – are involved in efforts to improve child and family well-being.

**Approach** Building on the three frameworks of collective impact, two-generation/whole family engagement, and equity, each Community Partnership engages in five core strategies to achieve two primary tasks: increase community awareness of primary prevention and other resources and leverage these resources to work with the whole family to prevent the need for child welfare involvement. While Partnerships help coordinate resources across a broad spectrum, each also identifies a priority area based on community input and research and pilots primary prevention strategies that engage multiple generations of the family.

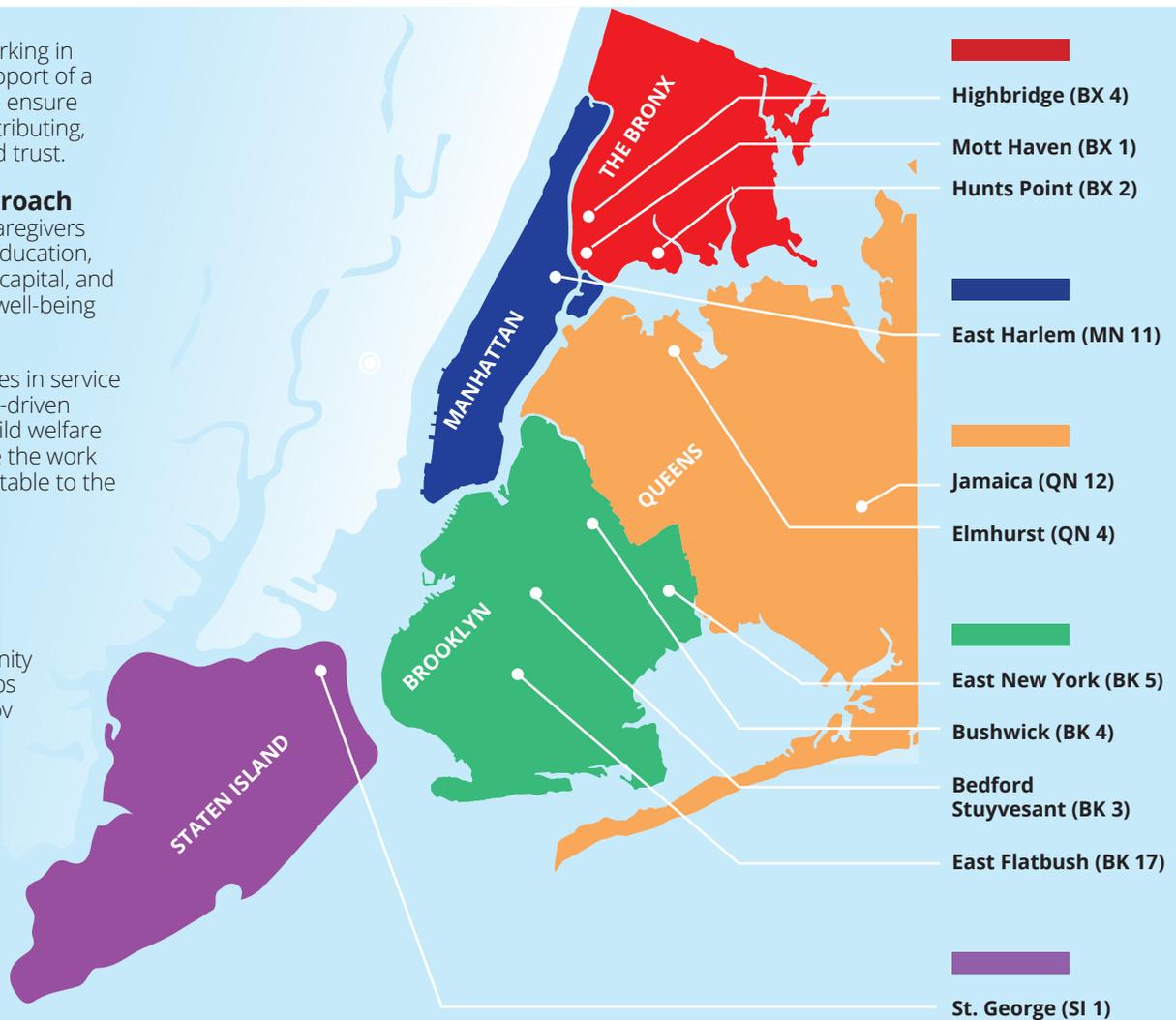
**Collective Impact** Working in collaboration with the support of a backbone organization to ensure everyone is involved, contributing, and builds consensus and trust.

**Two-Generation Approach** Work with children and caregivers together in the areas of education, economic security, social capital, and health to improve family well-being across generations.

**Equity** Address disparities in service provision, reduce poverty-driven challenges that call for child welfare interventions, and ensure the work is inclusive of and accountable to the community.

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### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Five Core Strategies



**Build Partnerships**  
 with members & leaders who plan and work together



**Facilitate Service Referral and Utilization**  
 by knowing what help and resources exist for families



**Build Social Capital and Community Capacity**  
 of local leaders and Community Ambassadors



**Support Community Knowledge Sharing**  
 through events and workshops to promote well-being and ACS' programs



**Inform City Policy and Practice**  
 through learning collaboratives and sharing what works