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What Is Husky Sport?

Husky Sport is a **community-campus partnership** that utilizes the **power of sport** to connect and empower partners from the **city of Hartford** and **University of Connecticut**.

A Community-Campus Partnership

Since 2003, Husky Sport and its partners have collaborated to identify needs, implement programming, assess progress, and build lasting relationships through intentional programs facilitated in school, after school, and on weekends. We have become a trusted partner within Hartford’s North End community.

Together, the Husky Sport community-campus partnership aims to **engage youth, families, college students, and partners** through shared learning in **four key areas of youth development**:

- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity
- Transferable Life Skills
- Academic Enrichment

In the Community

Husky Sport has had a consistent presence in the North End of Hartford since 2003. Establishing meaningful relationships through a culture of collaboration has provided the framework for a successful partnership:

Sport-Based Youth Development. Through programming built around the Sport-Based Youth Development framework, Husky Sport engages Hartford students with active lesson plans daily. The service learning coursework at UConn establishes a foundation that volunteers and staff build upon while in the community.

Health and Wellness. Through curriculum aligned with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), Husky Sport ensures students are equipped with the foundational knowledge to lead healthy lifestyles. From healthy food choices to physical activity, health and wellness are key components in Husky Sport engagement.



Collaboration and Alignment. Consistent effort to establish co-constructed programming and curriculum through focus groups, evaluations, and shared professional development continue to generate achievements as aligned with the missions of Husky Sport and community partners.

On Campus

While Hartford schoolchildren benefit as Husky Sport participants, the UConn community — from current students to researchers and practitioners in the field — find value on a number of levels as well:

College Student Development. Through training sessions focused on personal, social, and professional development, Husky Sport empowers its staff, students, and volunteers with the knowledge and skills to work effectively with one another and with Hartford’s North End community.

Teaching and Learning. Through the Neag School of Education’s Department of Educational Leadership, Husky Sport offers service learning through a for-credit curriculum that combines sustained academic rigor and experiential learning opportunities — from sport-based youth development, to health and education in urban communities, to social justice and equity.

Collaboration and Scholarship. Interdisciplinary partnerships for programming, professional development, funding, and research continue to generate achievements as aligned with the missions of the University of Connecticut and Neag School of Education.

Husky Sport has funded
 — **15+** Ph.D. Candidates
 — **30+** MA Candidates
 — **45+** AmeriCorps Members