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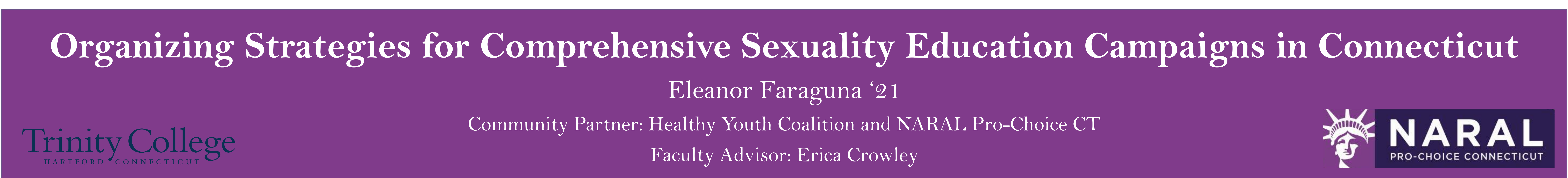
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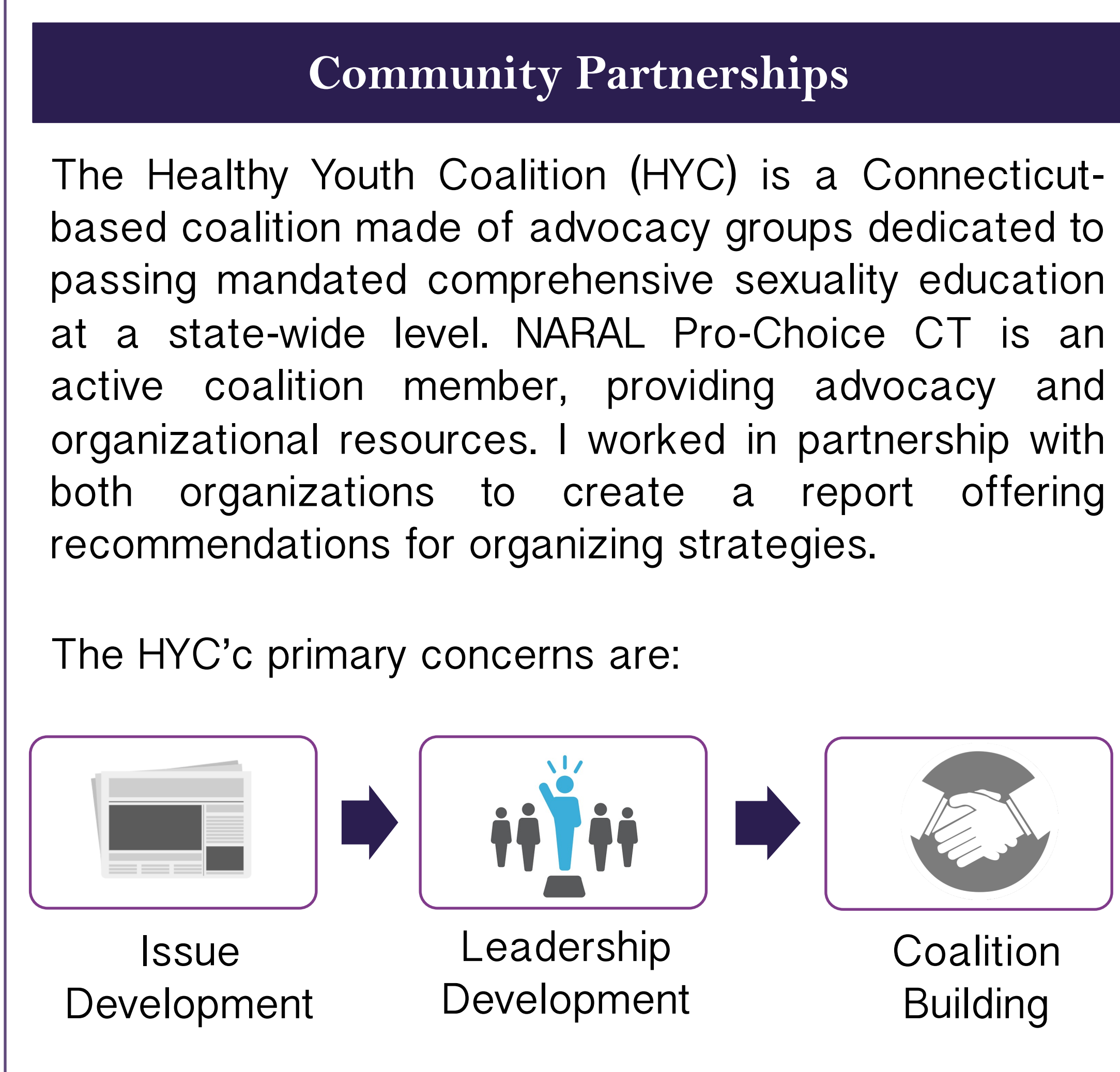
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1. What is comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)?
  2. What steps has New York taken to implement CSE into public schools?
  3. How can Connecticut apply these organizing principles to provide CSE to students?

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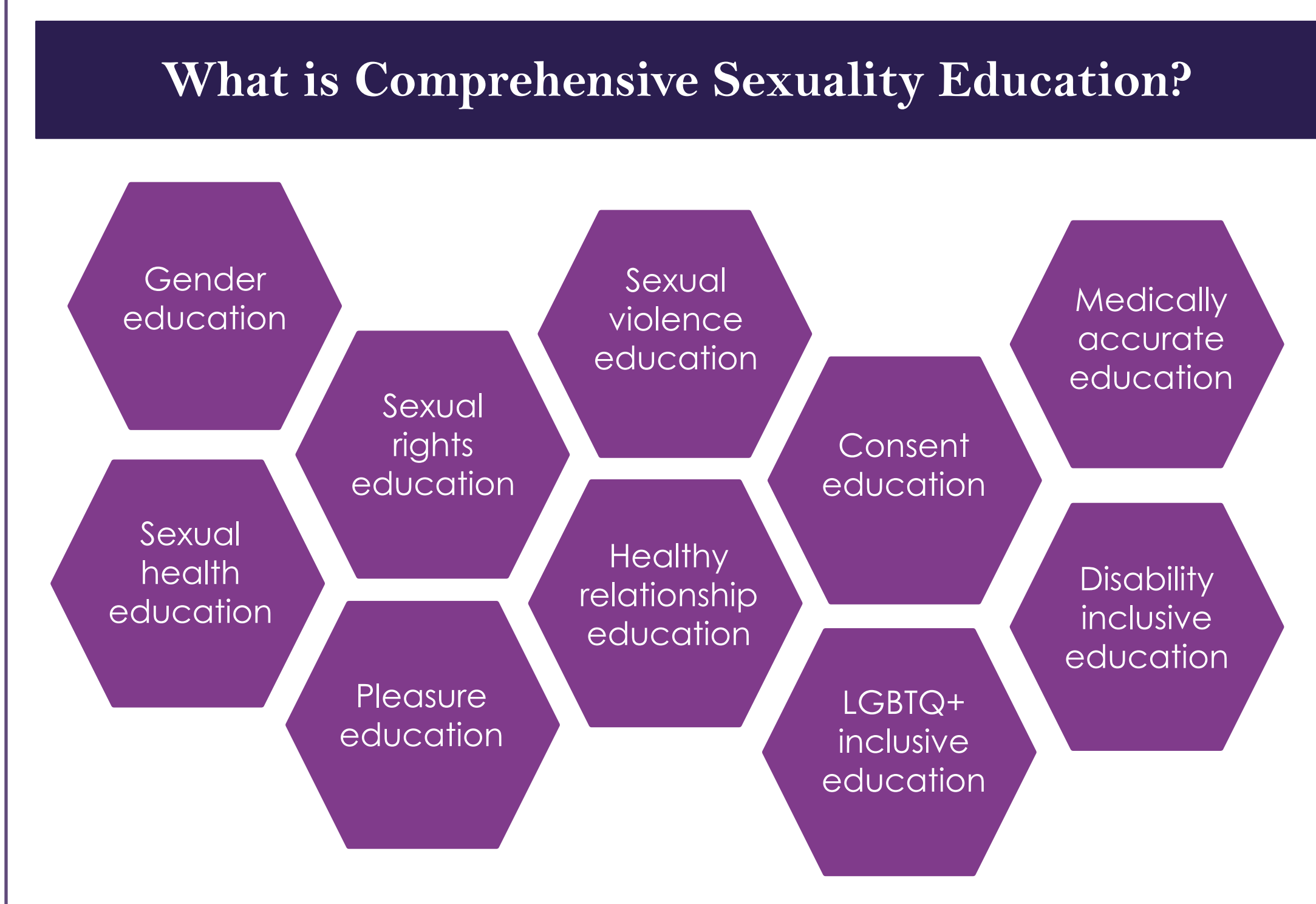
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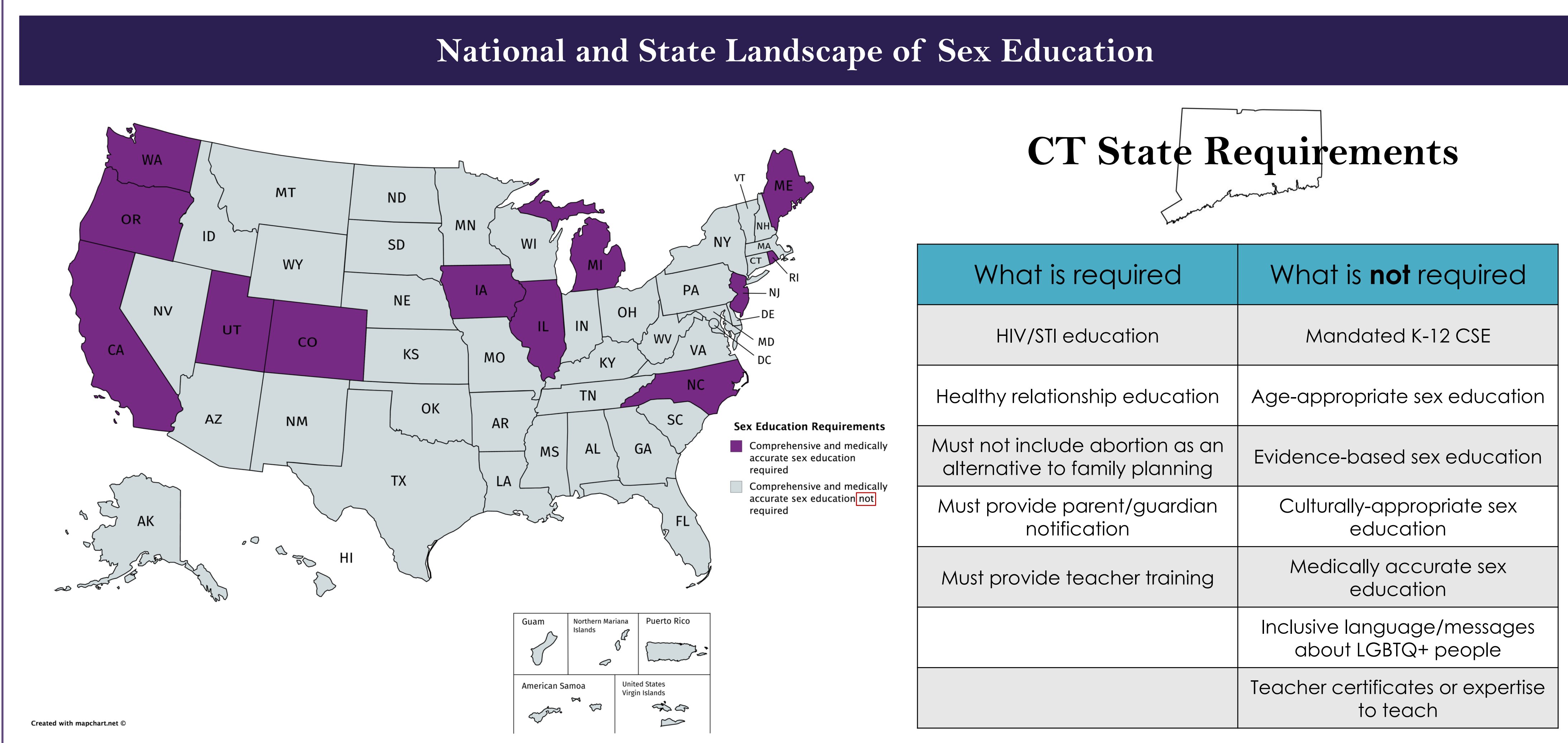
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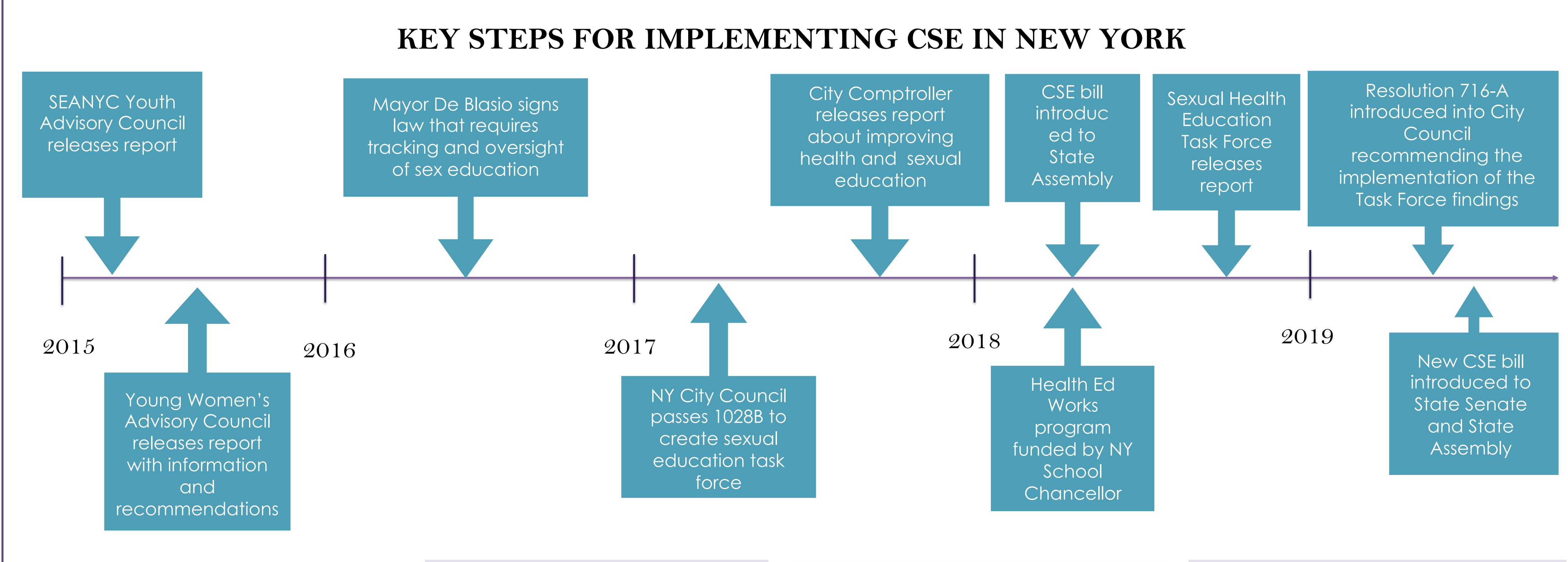


## National and State Landscape of Sex Education



## Case Study Findings and Key Informants

## KEY STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING CSE IN NEW YORK



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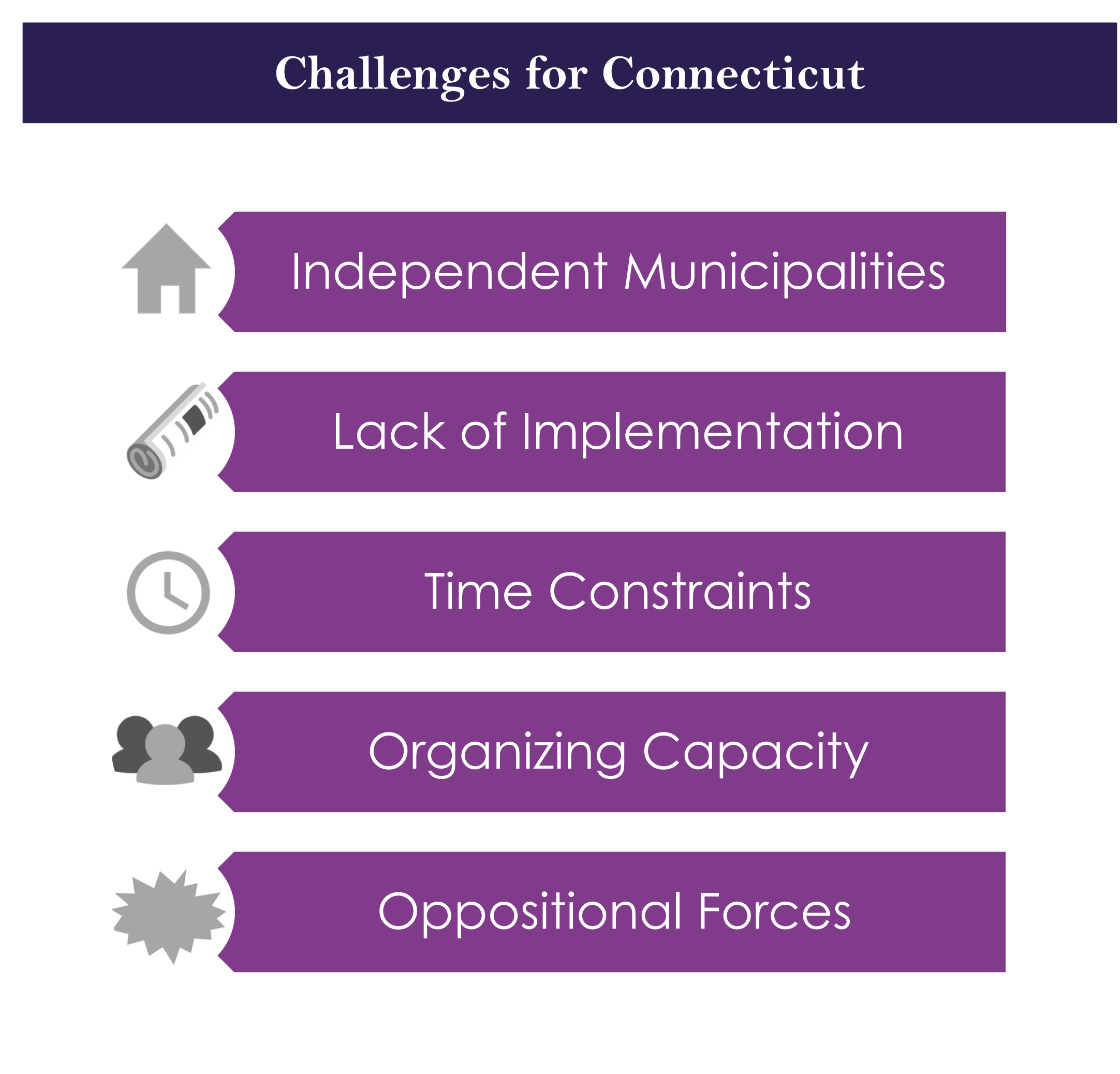
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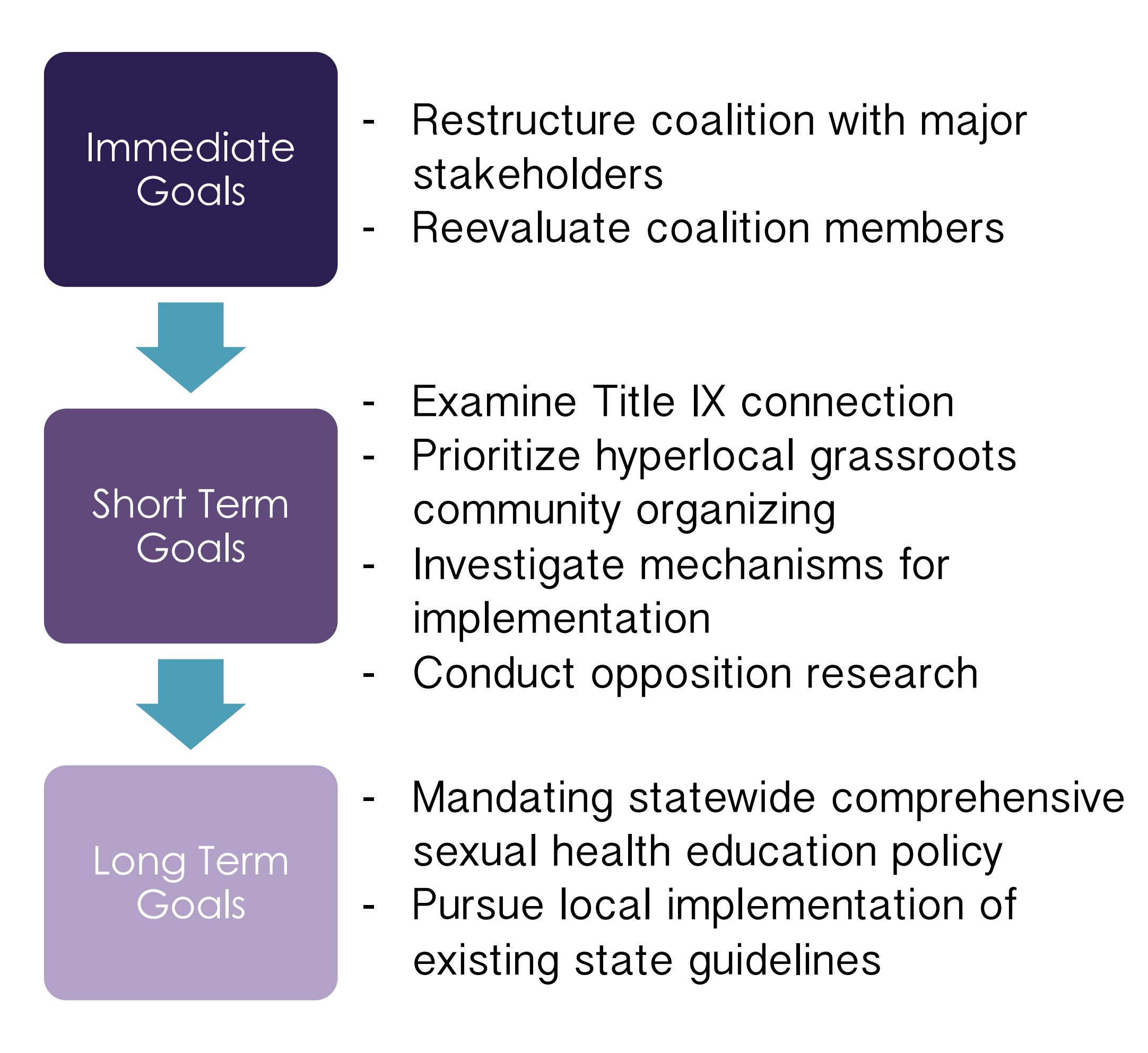


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## Challenges for Connecticut



## Recommendations



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