



WEBINAR SERIES 2026

Resting In the Collective



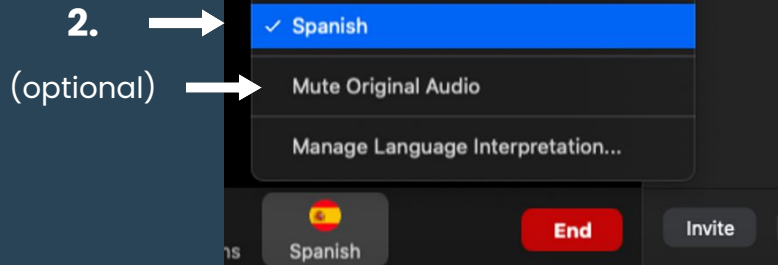
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Session Outline



- Welcome & Overview
- About Vital Village Networks and NOW
- *Resting in the Collective* Panel Discussion
- Audience Q&A
- Closing

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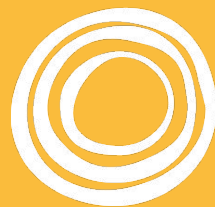
About **Vital Village Networks**

Vital Village Networks is a national collective of diverse change-makers and organizations committed to pioneering sustainable approaches to transforming child, family, and community wellbeing

Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing (NOW) is a national initiative powered by Vital Village Networks

NOW exists to achieve social transformation and racial justice by partnering with individuals, organizations, institutions, and coalitions across the country to build their capacity to equitably share power with communities that have faced ongoing racial oppression and marginalization.

Guiding Principles



BELONG

Centered
in dignity
and
equity

LEARN

Those closest
to the
challenge are
closest to the
solution

ENGAGE

Design with,
not for, users

TRANSFORM

Identify and
frame
challenges to
address
collectively

NOW Innovation Forum

**Sign up to engage with a network of
community leaders**



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2026 Webinar Series

The Practice of Belonging

How do we design systems that cultivate shared humanity, connection, and agency in everyday practice?

Today's Webinar:

Resting in the Collective – Through the lens of early care & education

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Please join us in welcoming today's

Moderator:



Malkia Singleton Ofori-Agyekum

Mid-Atlantic Regional Director at ParentChild+

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Please join us in welcoming today's Speakers:



Dorothy Williams

Dottie's Family
Childcare



**Jovanna
Archuleta**

Early Childhood
Program Director
at LANL Foundation

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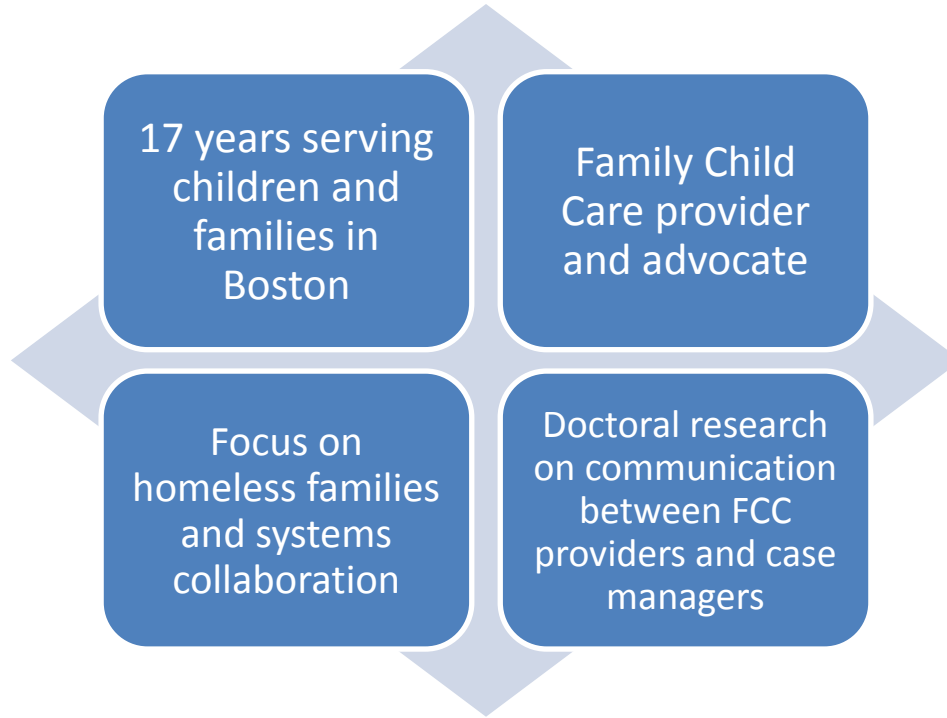
Building Bridges Through Community Care

Dorothy Williams, M.Ed., PCert.

Doctoral Candidate, Early Childhood
Education

Owner, Dotties Family Childcare, Inc.

About My Work



Challenges Families Face

Fragmented
communication
between agencies

Housing instability
and trauma

Barriers accessing
resources

Duplication of
paperwork and
systems navigation

Limited inclusion
of FCC providers in
systems planning

Why Family Child Care Matters

Trusted
community-based
care

Relationship-
centered
support

Cultural
responsiveness

Flexible support
for working
families

Consistency and
emotional safety
for children

What Inclusion and Belonging Look Like



Community of Care



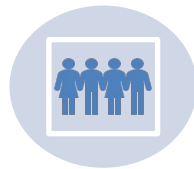
Trust



Consistency



Compassion



Shared
responsibility



Interconnected
support systems

Research and Advocacy Goals

Strengthen	Increase	Improve	Advocate	Build
Strengthen collaboration between FCC and case managers	Increase family voice and agency	Improve systems coordination	Advocate for policy change and inclusion	Build sustainable support networks

Closing Reflection

“Children thrive when families feel supported, connected, and valued within their communities.”

Dorothy Williams,
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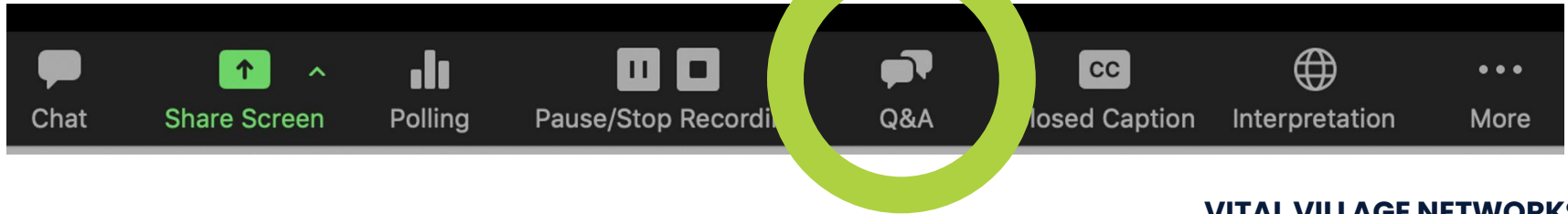


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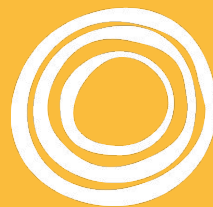
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Webinar Reflective Action Guide

What resonated with you most from today's webinar?

Which lever of change are you feeling compelled to focus attention on in your work?

How are you thinking about children, families, and communities in your work differently?

What 2-3 action steps might you take over the next two months to better uplift and honor the dignity of children, families, and community?

Peer Learning Cluster Workshop: June 9

Strategies for sustaining our work: Preventing burnout and integrating joy



Peer Learning Cluster Workshop

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SERIES

**Strategies for sustaining our work:
Preventing burnout and integrating joy**



TUES. 6/9, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET

*What does it look like to organize our
advocacy work in ways that center and
sustain connection, joy and creativity?*



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13th National Community Leadership Summit



OCT. 22-23, 2026
BOSTON, MA

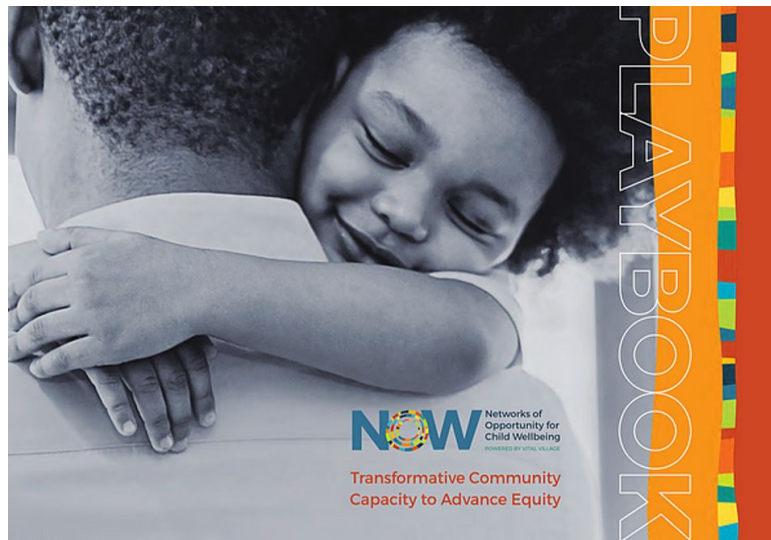
National Community Leadership Summit

***Cross-Pollinating Solutions:
Moving our Radical Dreams
Forward***

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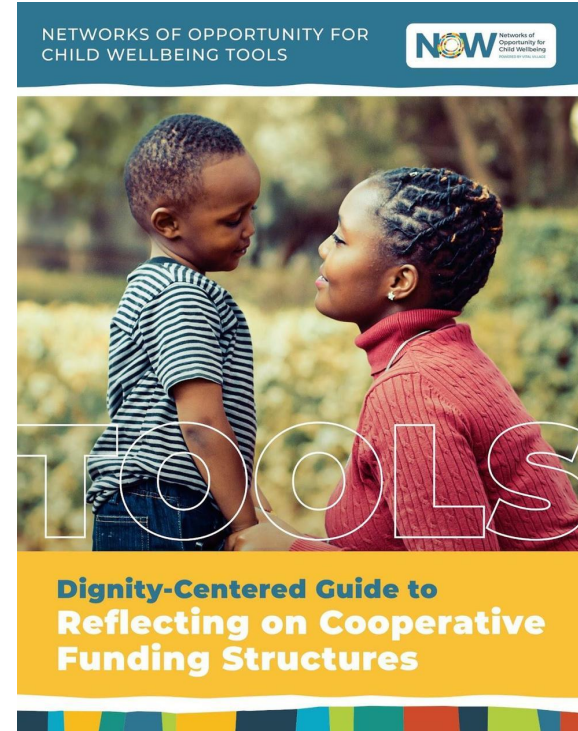
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NOW Playbook: Transformative Community Capacity to Advance Equity



<https://www.networksofopportunity.org/now-playbook>

A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting on Cooperative Funding Structures



<https://www.networksofopportunity.org/coop-reflection-guide>

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