



2021 NOW Webinar Series
Nurturing Family Leadership: Community-Centered Equity Practices

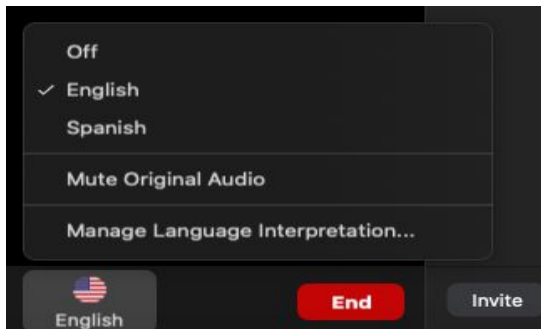
Redefining Justice for Children and Families

Thursday, March 25, 2021
10:00 am PT / 1:00pm ET

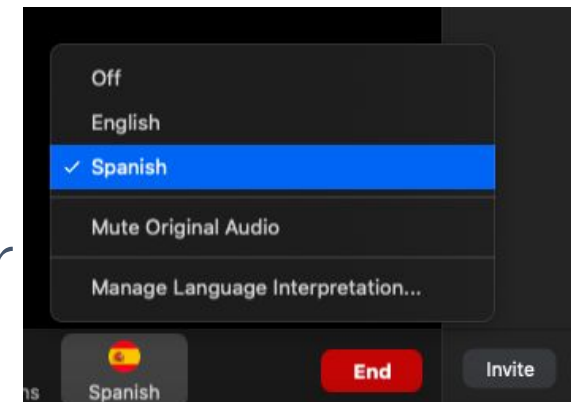


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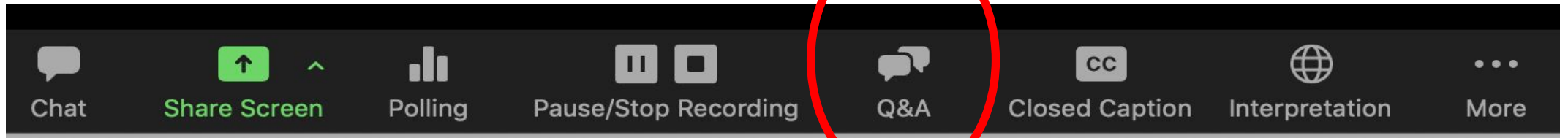


Housekeeping

- Spanish Language Access
 - Community Language Cooperative (CLC) based in Denver, CO
- Slides and recording will be posted on the NOW Forum (<https://www.networksofopportunity.org>)
- Submit questions on dashboard
- Use the chat box for comments

Q&A

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Session Outline

1. Welcome & Overview
2. About Vital Village
3. *Redefining Justice for Children and Families*
4. Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
5. Closing

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



Why NOW?



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.

The **NOW Innovation Forum** is a national network of peer communities working to promote child wellbeing and prevent early childhood adversities.

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March 25

- *Redefining Justice for Children and Families*

April 22

- *Cooperative Economies for Collective Leadership: New Paradigms for Funding Community-Determined Efforts to Advance Child Wellbeing and Equity*

June 24

- *Sustaining Family-Led Innovations for Equitable COVID-Recovery*

December 9

- *Equitable Models for Collaborative Family Leadership*

Featured Speakers



Adrienne Troy-Frazier

Executive Director
Berkeley County First Steps



R. Simone Lee

Parent Educator & Doula
Berkeley County First Steps &
Birthing With Purpose, LLC



Redefining Justice for Children and Families



Healing Justice in Early Childhood

Berkeley County First
Steps/BEE-Collective
Birthing With A Purpose



The first nations people who were the caretakers
of the land we now call the Lowcountry were the
Kussoe.
Their descendants are STILL here.





Indigo, Rice, Sweetgrass

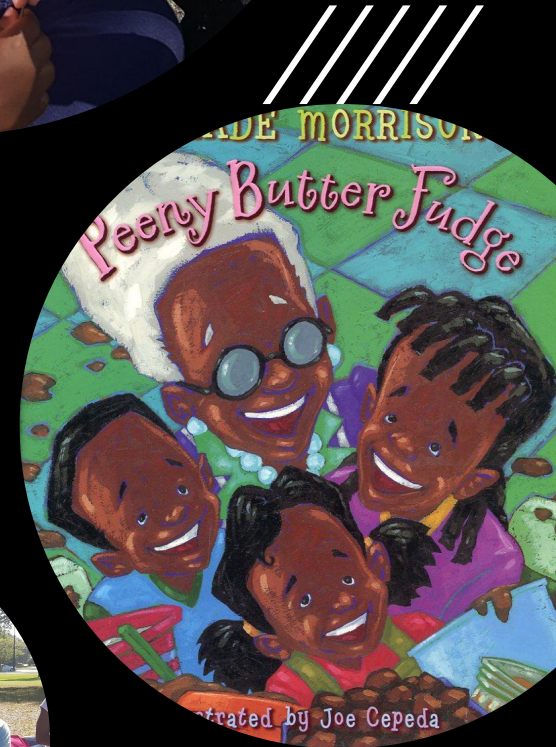
Gullah people live in the coastal area of the Southeastern United States. They have preserved more of their African cultural heritage than any other Black community in the country.

Nature and the outdoors is where we come from. Our ancient civilizations learned to live in harmony and work in the natural rhythms and vibrations of land, its trees and waterways.





Honoring our Narratives













SUPERWOMAN SCHEMA

African-American
Women's Views on
Stress, Strength, &
Health

JOIN US FOR WELLNESS
HAPPY HOUR &
LEARN HOW
TO LET GO OF
YOUR CAPE!

7 PM Friday, Mar 26
bit.ly/superwoman-schema




Gabrielle Morton
CEO of Soulciology

Kenyetta Powell RN
Lactation counselor






Project Cradle Care

Bridging the Birthing Gap: My Body, My Choice

Join our panelist discussion on
how to promote race equity through empowering women in childbirth.
Saturday, January 23, 2021 @ 12-2 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 0156 4156
Zoom Meeting Password: 780890






Amexia N. M. Porterfield
Mom

LaShawn Weaver-Lee
Chief Medical Officer
Head of OB/GYN Department
Kinston Community Health Center

Azhanay Walker
Mom

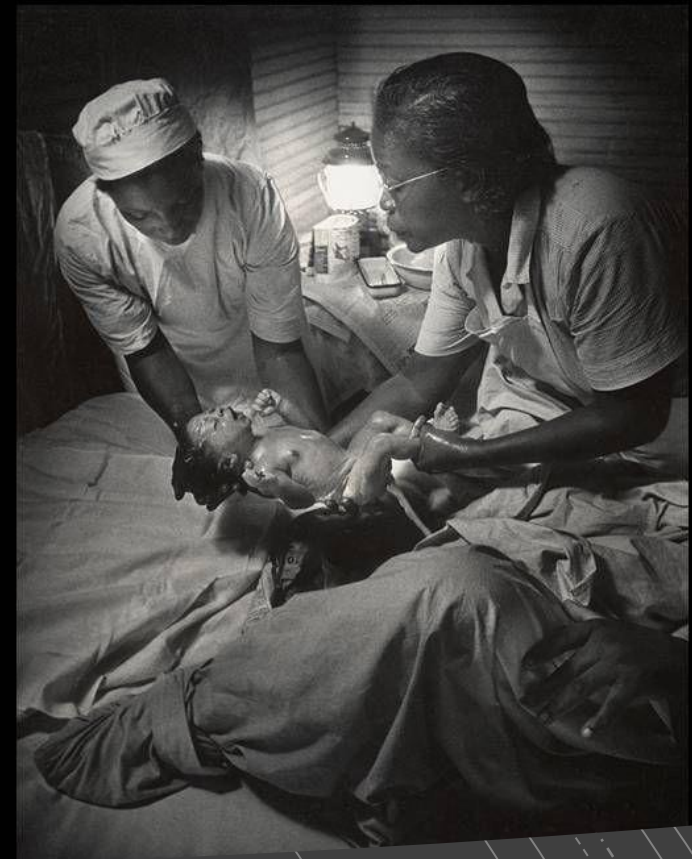
Ifetayo White
Birth/Postpartum Doula,
Master Wellness Mentor









Birthing Justice

- Nurse/ Midwife Maude Callen
- Nurse/Midwife Eugenia Broughton

Too often, Black, Brown, and Indigenous people are **denied equal access** to respectful, high-quality maternity care that is free from bias and discrimination.

In maternity care units across the country, they are treated with **condescension, disregard, neglect, and fear-based coercion.**

When asserting their rights to informed consent, bodily autonomy, and self-determination, they are subject to surveillance and policing under the same **systems of structural racism that discriminate, control, and criminalize.**

The Why...

Birth in America

FACT: The U.S. is the only developed country where maternal mortality is on the rise.

FACT: Black women in the USA are three to four times more likely to die in childbirth than white women — *regardless* of education, income, or any other socio-economic factors.

FACT: 50,000 American women suffer from life-threatening complications of pregnancy.

FACT: In other countries where midwives take the lead in pregnancy care, mortality rate is substantially lower.

source: CDC [facebook.com/karen.bachman597](https://www.facebook.com/karen.bachman597) #birthmatters #midwivessavelives
#knowthefacts #improvingbirth #birthmonopoly #birthactivist #stopthetmadness

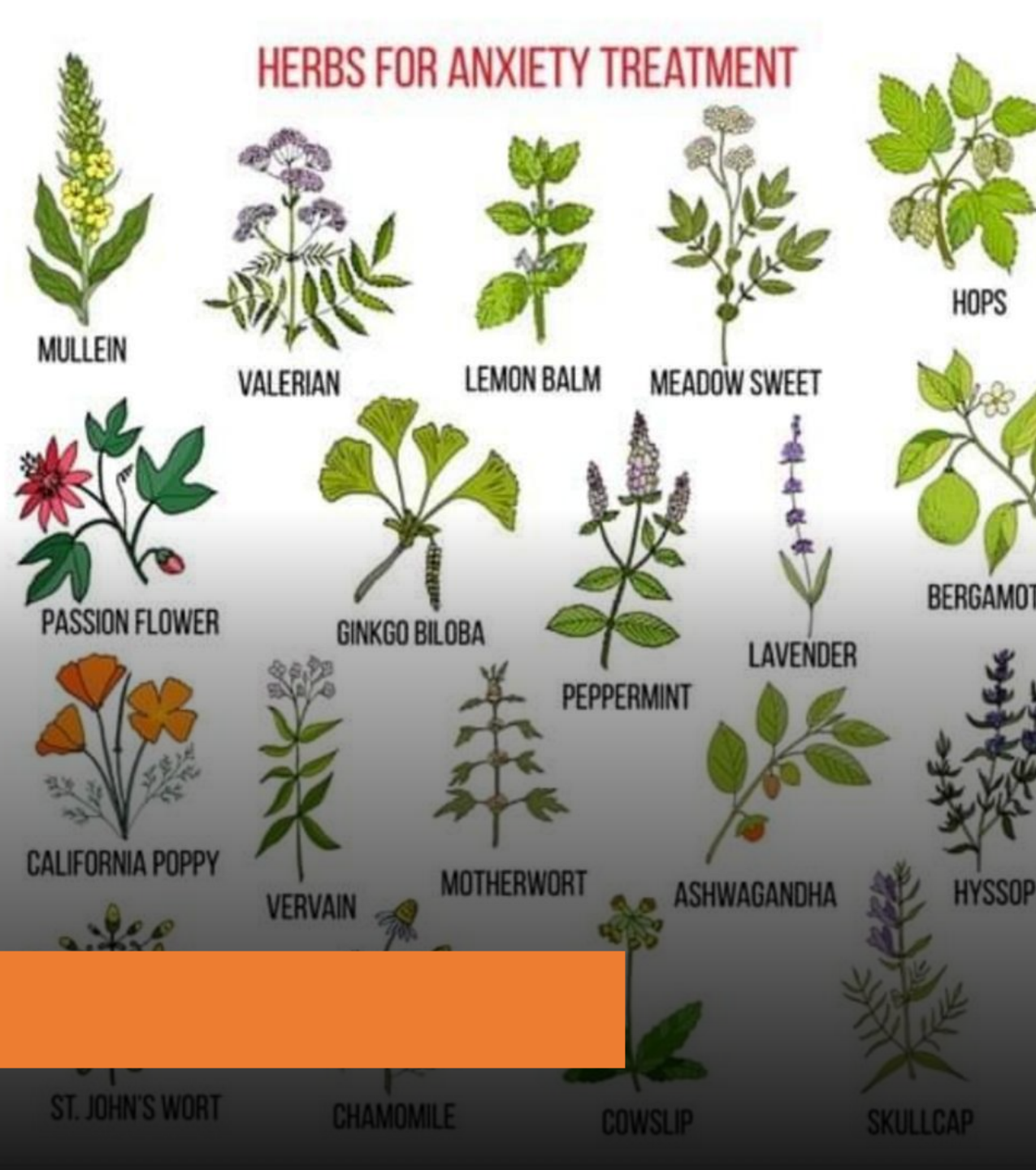
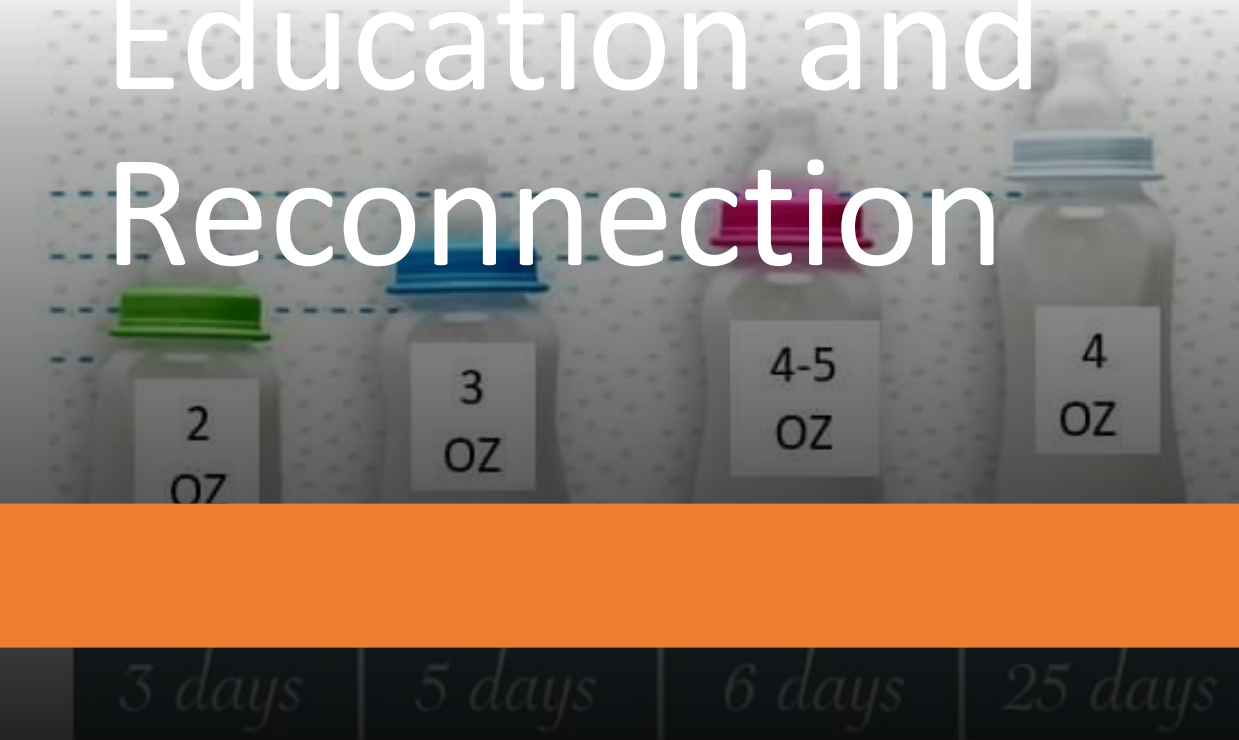


Rapport Building

The Value of Labor
Support



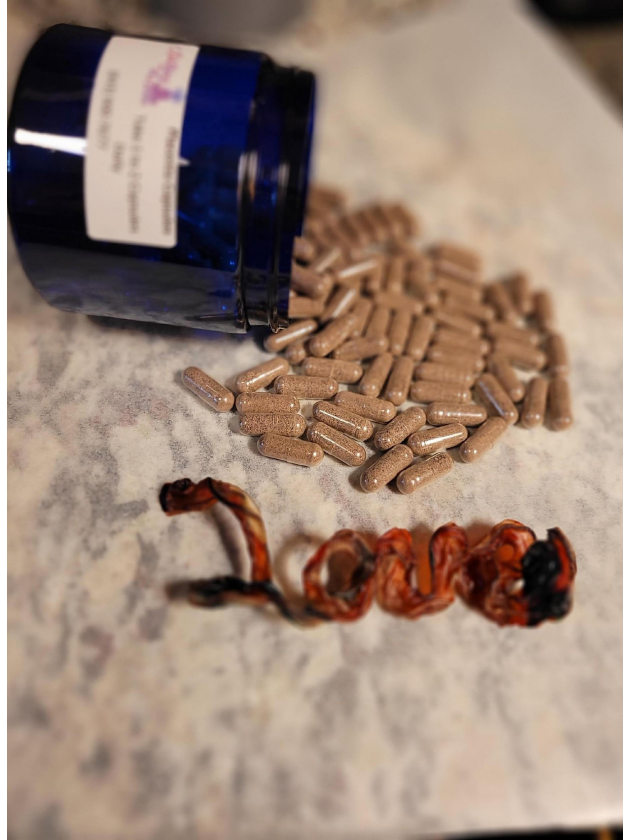
Education and Reconnection





Water in Birth

The use of water not only brings about a calming effect, it also helps to reduce the amount of pain and discomfort the birthing person experiences.



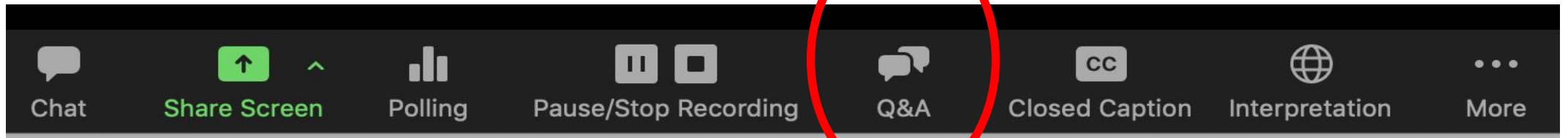
Honoring the First Home

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Episode 13: Essex County Council for Young Children: Centering Parent Leadership to Foster a Trauma Informed Newark

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<http://bit.ly/NOWWebinar-April2021>

Cooperative Economies for Collective Leadership: New Paradigms for Funding Community-Determined Efforts to Advance Child Wellbeing and Equity

Thursday, April 22 @ 1-2pm Eastern

Featured speakers:

- Nia Evans, Director, Boston Ujima Project
- Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development, City University of New York (CUNY)
- Marcos Beleche, Board President, Dorchester Food Cooperative



Thank You!

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