



Reimagining Child Welfare: Equitable Models for Collaborative Family Leadership

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Nurturing Family Leadership:
Community-Centered Equity Practices*



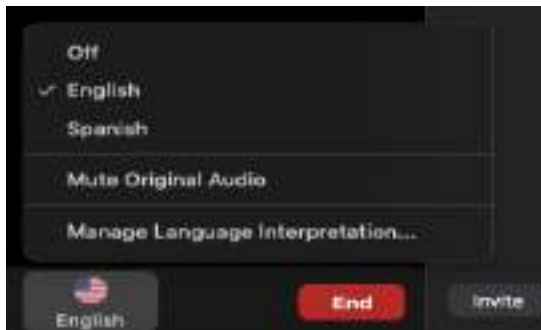


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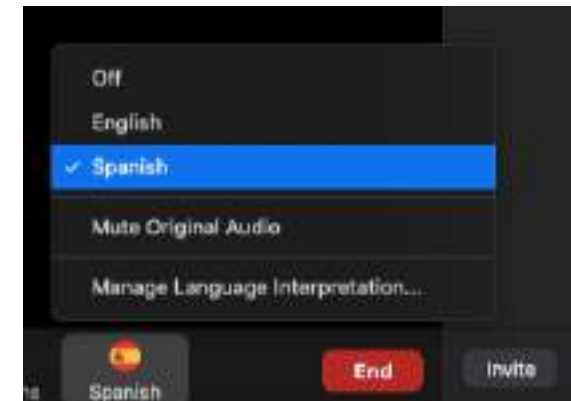
- Welcome & Overview
- About Vital Village
- *Reimagining Child Welfare: Equitable Models for Collaborative Family Leadership*
- Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
- Closing

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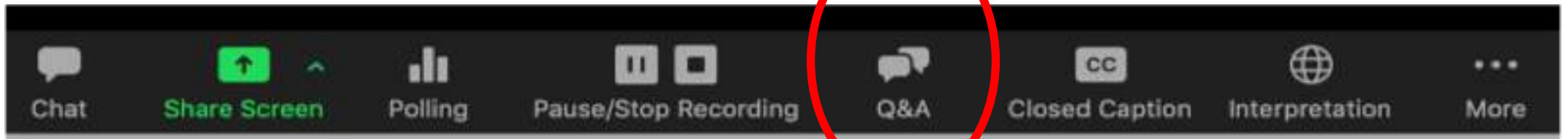


Housekeeping

- 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/Webinar>)
- Submit questions on dashboard
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Q&A

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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

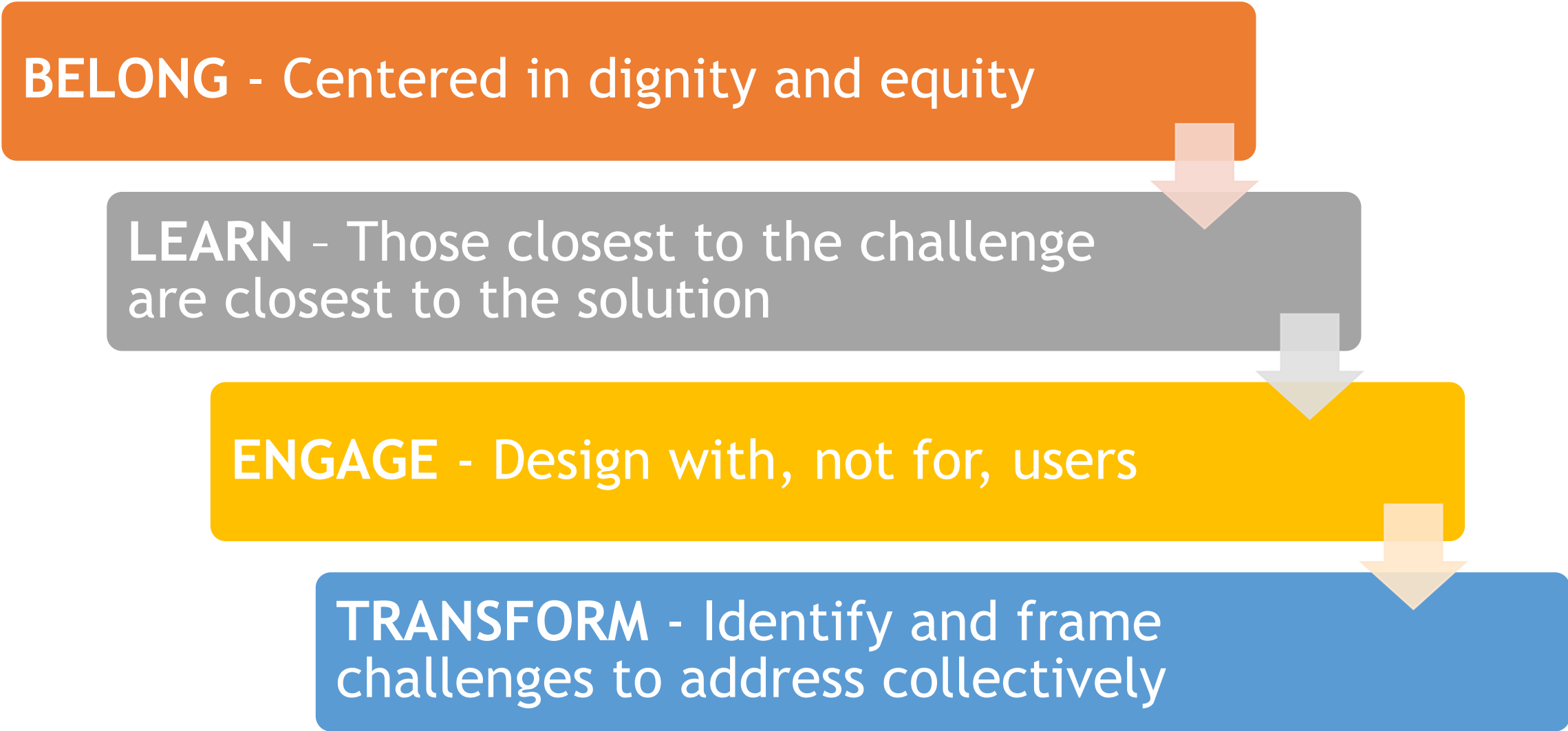
Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing (NOW) is a national initiative powered by Vital Village Networks

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



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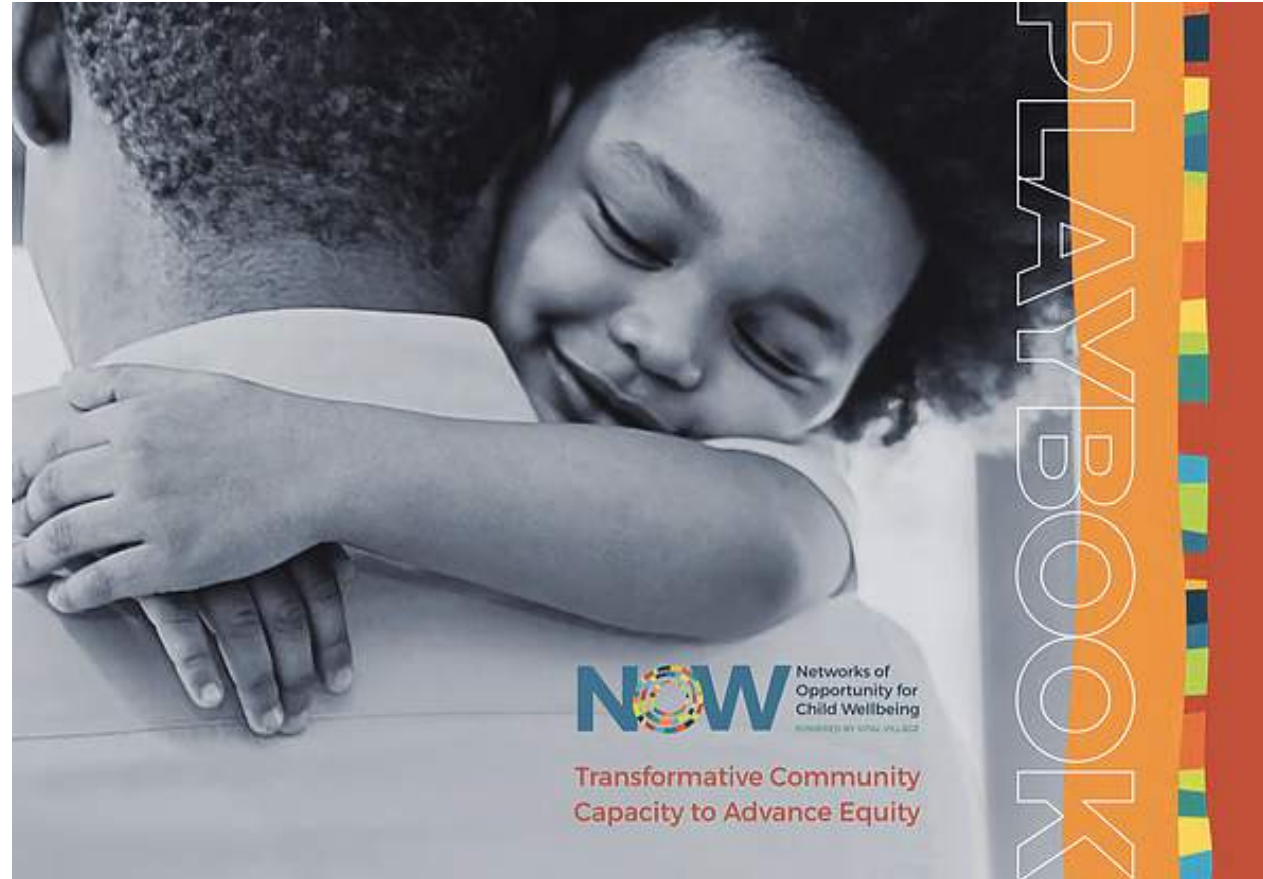
TRANSFORM - Identify and frame
challenges to address collectively

NOW Innovation Forum - Sign up to engage with a network of community leaders



<https://www.networksofopportunity.org/>

NOW Playbook: Transformative Community Capacity to Advance Equity



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

Featured Speakers



Marv Neal

Executive Director, 365Dad



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Parents Perspective



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Rise

Tools for Frontline Practice with Parents



Rise Today



Parent Leadership



Informing Parents



Harm Reduction



Community Building

What Parents need?





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more often

icks in



Communicate Positive Intentions



**Start with the help
parents
say they need**





Outside stress factors parents face

**Some you may think are
irrelevant in your work!**

Losing jobs/stopping school

Depression Quotes

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours

Harry S Truman



Little or no money for food



Evictions



*My heart
never knew
loneliness until
you went away.
I'm missing you.*

Roadmap to Reunification



TIPS- Checking in for Success



STAY AND FORGIVE IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM



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Everything Felt Like a Threat

BY NAME AND TYPE

There are very good reasons for better care; I was working full time and going to school full time. I was sick.

After that very day, I was the first
 Christian in my family and used to read
 the Bible. I could not keep track of anything,
 it felt like my heart was in the clouds.

My weight would jump from 130 to 150. I was afraid that I'd be the girl that got up, I was a little nervous that when my new word started to run, I'd be the girl that started to attack. Everything felt like a threat to me.

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At the time, I didn't understand what was happening to me.

Now I know that without clothes, you make it hard to think, plan and calculate. When people feel naked and we get in a "fight, flight, or freeze" mode—we put ward to talk, we feel threatened, or we go on the attack.

My "let's work it out later" attitude did not help my own case. In one of the agency's understudies what was wrong with me, or what I'd been thinking.

They assumed that I was always an empty-wellhead person, and that kept my son in trouble for a long time.

ENDING FLUTTERING SPREAD

I want to say to me, getting off back together, keeping my emotions under. I'd say that I'd be able to think I would explain. I'll, I want to do it for my own sake. I want what helped.

The agency paid—initially at the agency's request to wait until bill the agency to work, pay and income. These bill whatever it took to enhance the state and built a bad track, without having regard or compensation.

I have someone with hands of iron, my subject's friend, who will fix any crumbling bridge, candle guttered down, or low-balled pool table in one stroke.

Improvement of staff with knowledge: We argue that it is better to power up to help you, not empowerment by adding the crew member's ability what needed to do. Then I said that knowledge is being given to him.

How to Plan and Stay Calm Despite Stress

Interview with Elise Wilton, Chief of Office of the Young Court Judges Institute in NYC, by Shari Applebaum

Planning is really important during your case, and it's not a part of our team that plans, organizes, and creates our webinars. But stress and depression can affect our planning. The worst "stress" syndrome what could interfere is called "analysis paralysis," which is "over stress." That's feeling overwhelmed and knowing you need to help you.

With back stress, parent eye lines difficultly maintain eye contact to their child. It can be harder to get up so close. Most often about three feet, or just out of conversation, I've gotten parents' comments and said, "Let's move in together." Parents usually just think, "The parent is showing me he is in the right place." It's very important that parents know what's going wrong and what's going to help them.

Transcendental meditation can be done. A physical response is the first reaction. The night not sleep, low, low, an increase in heart rate, the heart, symptoms, or negative thought is your brain.

Reasons can come from being apprehensive, even becoming a bottle. You're affected by what's happening, and once you're in an activated state, it's hard to get out of it.

They parents take a couple deep breaths and guess. "Guessing" means there are couple things he's doing wrong, putting your foot on the ground, you look around a little, and throw your eyes. "Going to ground," the parent, the parent, the have right now, and looking over his head.

I've gone through thousands of pairs of shoes that
to look like they were made for me, but I had to
wait, or cry. A good pair of shoes can help you
stand for hours when you're on your feet.

Changing Dynamics with Parents

Standoff

- Fear
- Anger
- Distrust
- Judgment
- Avoidance
- Assumptions





Learning Together from Other Parents' Expertise

- Sharing Power
- “Person is not the problem”
- Curiosity and Openness
- Making an Invitation



Wonder Woman threw her magic lasso
around the dragon's jaw.
It weakened the dragon.
Batman used his steel Bat-cable
to pull it to the ground.

Superman used his freezing breath
to hold the dragon.
"That should cool you off,"
he said.

Problem-Solving Together

- Communicate Positive Intentions
- Clear Expectations
- Information from a Credible Messenger



**Families can flourish and grow
and never return to child
welfare involvement when they
are supported and guided.**

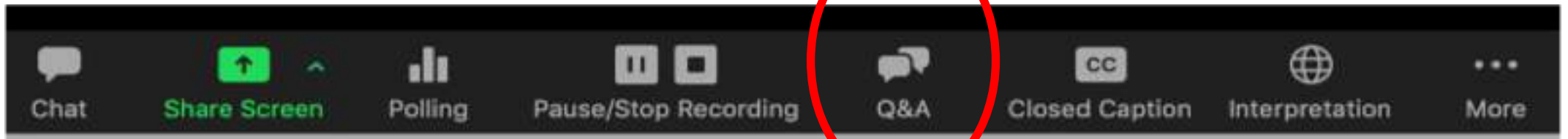


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