



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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*"I carry within me the heart of a warrior, the mind of a pharaoh, the soul of a goddess
and the wisdom of my grandmothers' grandmothers."*

— Grace Gegenheimer

Welcome to the January 2022 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum](#) Newsletter. We are excited to share and announce new opportunities, tools, and resources as well as set our intentions for the year ahead of us. Thank you for your commitment to children, families, and communities and for joining us as we journey through another year together.

Bienvenido a la edición de diciembre de 2021 del boletín informativo [del Foro de innovación NOW](#). Nos complace compartir y anunciar nuevas oportunidades, herramientas y recursos, así como reflexionar sobre lo que nos enorgullece este año. Gracias por su trabajo continuo y su compromiso para promover el bienestar de los niños y las familias, y esperamos continuar con el trabajo el próximo año.



Coming Up in 2022!

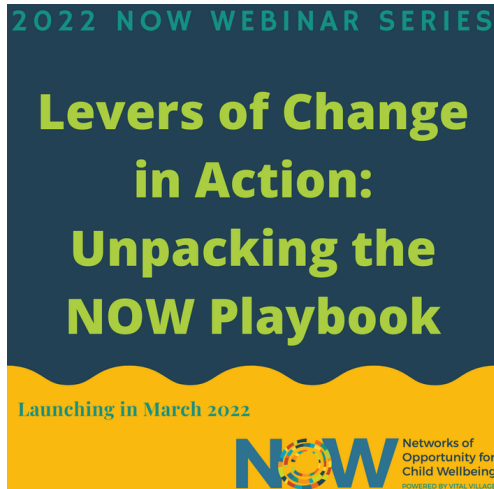


Save the Date: NOW 2022 Webinar Series

The NOW 2022 Webinar Series “*Levers of Change in Action: Unpacking the NOW Playbook*” will launch in March 2022. Through this series we’ll hear from NOW Learning Community members and others who are applying the levers of change outlined in the [NOW Playbook](#) in their communities.

If you missed any sessions from our 2021 Webinar Series from *Redefining Justice for Children and Families* to *Reimagining Child Welfare*, we invite you to revisit them by clicking the link below.

[Listen Here!](#)



NOW Peer Learning Clusters

Are you interested in learning how communities across the country are engaging families in their work or addressing the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and trauma or building the capacity of the early childhood education workforce?

We invite you to join one of the NOW Peer Learning Clusters exploring these topics.

The **Authentic Family Engagement PLC** will host their first session of 2022 on January 26th at 3:00pm ET. Click [HERE](#) to register for the session.

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date!

The 9th Annual Vital Village Networks National Community Leadership Summit will be held virtually October 18-19, 2022. We invite you to save the date and keep an eye out for ways to engage and get involved in the event over the coming months.

Check out our 2021 National Community Leadership Summit program to learn more.

[Learn More Here!](#)





Hearing from YOU

We would love to hear your stories and what you're learning in your communities this year. What makes our network unique are the stories you share. Consider writing a blog reflecting on what's happening in your region. We want to hear what's working well and what's challenging your thinking and approach. Not sure where to start? We can offer guidance and support for sharing your story. Email us (projecthope.csc@gmail.com) to get started or check out [previous blogs](#) on the NOW Forum

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Opportunities Across the Village



[National Equity Atlas Fellowship](#)

Through the Equity Data Fellowship, the National Equity Atlas (a partnership between PolicyLink and the USC Equity Research Institute) will work with 12 grassroots leaders of color to sharpen their data skills and produce new data visualizations, dashboards, factsheets, or other research products to strengthen their organization's policy campaigns. Applications are open through January 21, 2022, and the program will start in March 2022.

[University of South Florida M3 Center on Inclusive and Ethical Leadership](#)

Free course features 40 TEDx style sessions (10-30mins) from 50+ experts from all corners of the world covering cutting-edge research and best practices under 8 sections. This is a self-paced, free course in which the participants can start any time and finish by December 31, 2022.

Please watch a short tutorial that shows you how to register and enroll in this free course: Click [here](#). If you have any questions, please email us: certificate@acad.emiacentralmooc.org

[Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program](#)

Funding to support rural health networks to address the need for more trained health professionals, which has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall program goal is to expand public health capacity by supporting healthcare job development, training, and placement in rural communities. Click [here](#) for more information. Application Deadline: March 18, 2022.

[Parents Engaging Parents Beloved Community Check In](#)

Tap in and engage with Andrew Coombs, CPA and 2021's Black Enterprise 40 Under 40 CPA Award recipient to learn all you need to know about filing your taxes



Highlights from the NOW Innovation Forum





- [Reimagining Child Welfare: Equitable Models for Collaborative Family Leadership](#) (December 2021)
- [Sustaining Family-Led Innovations for Equitable COVID-Recovery](#) (June 2021)
- [Cooperative Economies for Collective Leadership: New Paradigms for Funding Community-Determined Efforts to Advance Child Wellbeing and Equity](#) (April 2021)
- [Redefining Justice for Children and Families](#) (March 2021)
- **2018-2020 Webinar Archives:** Learn more about previous webinars, including our 2020 Webinar series, [Learning and Transforming Together: Community-Centered Equity Practices](#).

Learn More Here!



- [Vital Village Networks Selects 14 Emerging Leaders for Inaugural Community Food Systems Fellowship](#) by Boston Medical Center News
- [Addressing Structural Racism and Oppressive Systems to Better Serve Children](#) by Vital Village Networks
- [Reimagining Funding Partnership](#) by Ronda Alexander and Camila Beiner

- [Strengthening Families to Support Children: Joelle Auguste, Boston, MA,](#)
by Camila Beiner

- [In the Arena with NOW's Season 1: Amplifying Voices of National Leaders](#)
by Tiffany Rodriguez, NOW Program
Coordinator at Vital Village Networks

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- [Season 1 of In The Arena with NOW:](#)
Tune in to the entire Season 1 of *In The Arena with NOW* using any major podcast platform including Spotify, Apple Podcast, and IHeartRadio.
- [Levers of Community Change:](#) Learn more and access curated resources and tools designed to build capacity around key fundamental areas, such as data storytelling, coalition development and governance, and planning for sustainability.
- [Interactive Resource Library:](#) Check out this online repository of tools and resources relevant to community capacity building to improve child wellbeing. Search for a tool or submit a new resource.

[Submit A Resource](#)

#VillageinMind

The NOW community hopes to stay connected and lift up the work and stories of all of our members. Follow and tag us on Twitter, [@NOW_WellChild](#) & [@Vital_Village](#), so that we can virtually highlight the community led transformation you are leading.

Engage with us!



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