



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“It is important that we focus on the disparities and address them, yes, but equally as important is our joy. Because we deserve joy, we deserve safe spaces, we deserve to be listened to, and we deserve to be treated and cared for well.”

- Tiffany Vassell, RN, [NOW May 2023 Webinar](#) Featured Speaker

Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share and announce new opportunities and resources with you this month. We have included resources that explore collective action and advocacy for birth equity and maternal health, like the recording of our May 11 webinar, *Healing Through Community Building and Birth Equity Advocacy*, and reference material on birth justice through doula care. We hope you will save the date for the upcoming opportunities, including the summer Data Storytelling Workshop Series and our monthly Peer Learning Cluster meetings. 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 mayo de 2023 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). Estamos muy contentos de compartir y anunciar nuevas oportunidades y recursos con usted este mes. Hemos incluido recursos que exploran la acción colectiva y la promoción de la equidad en el parto y la salud materna, como la grabación de nuestro taller virtual de mayo de 11, *Sanando a Través de la Construcción de la Comunidad y el Apoyo de la Equidad en el Parto*, y material de referencia sobre la justicia en el nacimiento a través del cuidado de la doula. Esperamos que guarde la fecha para las próximas oportunidades, incluyendo la Serie de Talleres de Narración de Datos (Data Storytelling Workshop Series) del verano y nuestras reuniones mensuales de Peer Learning Cluster (Grupo de Aprendizaje Entre Pares). Gracias por su dedicación a los niños, las familias y las comunidades, y por acompañarnos mientras navegamos a través de otro año juntos.



Network Highlights



Webinar Archive: Healing through Community Building and Birth Equity Advocacy

Thank you for joining us for the second webinar of our 2023 series, *Collaborative Action and Coalition Building: Transformative Practices for Healing, Joy, and Equity!*

Our May 11 session featured community leaders and champions, **Omari Maynard** ([The ARIAH Foundation](#)), **Andre Nelson** ([The Luxor Collective](#)), and **Tiffany Vassell** ([Nurses for Black Maternal Health and Equity, Bay State Birth Coalition](#)), who are working at the intersections of historical and intergenerational trauma, healing, community leadership and building, and maternal health and birth equity.

View the recording to hear about practice and strategies to address disparities and inequities in maternal health through advocacy and community building.

[View archive!](#)



Summer Data Storytelling Workshop Series

Join us for "Sharing Your Story"
May 22, 2023, 5:30-7:00 PM

Join Vital Village for the summer kickoff of our free, virtual Data Storytelling workshop series and build your capacity to create and share stories that support social change using data tools. This learning opportunity is open to all Vital Village and NOW Network resident champions and organizational partners.

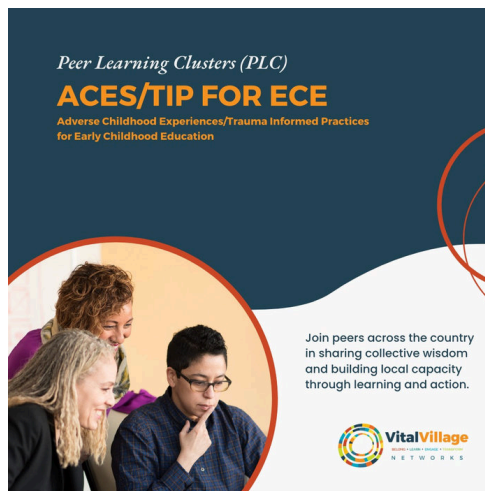
[Register here!](#)

Peer Learning Clusters

We invite you to join us for the next Peer Learning Clusters meeting where you can explore topics on **family engagement**, and **adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and trauma-informed practices (TIP)** with other peers.

Sign-up below to receive PLC Cluster Meeting notifications.

Sign-up here!



May 2023 Virtual Scholars Support Night

Join Vital Village Networks for May Scholars Support Night where Dr. Barbara L. Philipp, Professor of Pediatrics at Boston University, will be joining to speak about the Lactation College and its course offerings. Whether you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or a supporter of someone who is, all are welcome.

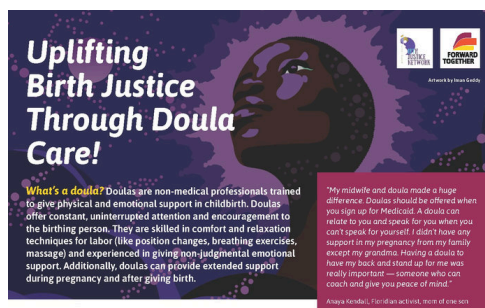
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Featured Resource: Uplifting Birth Justice Through Doula Care! From Southern Birth Justice Network & Forward Together

Highlighting the importance of Doula care in birth justice, this one page resource, available in both Spanish and English, presents critical information about how Doula's address racial disparities in maternal and newborn health.

Check out this resource, and many more, on collaborative action for maternal health and birth justice in the NOW Resource Library.

Access resource here!



#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, and Instagram [@vitalvillage](#) so that we can virtually highlight the community led transformation you are leading.

Engage with us!



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