



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“Whether we prevail is not determined by all the challenges present but by the change that is possible...”

– Amanda Gorman, From [Fury and Faith](#)

Welcome to the March 2023 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). This month we are highlighting the power of coalitions in strengthening participatory decision-making and collaborative governance practices in our communities. We are excited to share and announce upcoming opportunities and resources that feature these efforts, including the kick-off of our 2023 Webinar Series. 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 marzo de 2023 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación de NOW). Este mes destacamos el poder de las coaliciones para fortalecer la toma de decisiones participativas y las prácticas de gobernanza colaborativa en nuestras comunidades. Estamos muy contentos de compartir y anunciar las próximas oportunidades y recursos que destacan estos esfuerzos, incluyendo el inicio de nuestra serie de talleres virtuales del 2023. 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





NOW Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing
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Webinar Series

**Collaborative Action and Coalition Building:
Transformative Practices for Healing, Joy, and Equity**

MARCH 30 1:00–2:00 p.m. EST

*Participatory Governance Strategies
in Early Childhood Education*

Marisa Fear
Strategies for Children

Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez
Children's Playhouse Early Learning Center

Ronda Alexander (moderator)
Vital Village Networks

2023 NOW Webinar Series

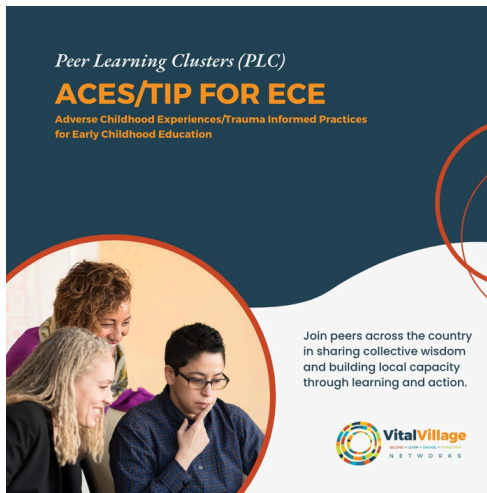
Join us for the launch of our 2023 Webinar Series, *Collaborative Action and Coalition Building: Transformative Practices for Healing, Joy, and Equity*.

Register for the first session on **Thursday, March 30 at 1-2pm ET**, where we'll hear from community leaders and champions who are working to center community leadership through participatory governance and decision making strategies within early childhood education.

Featured speakers:

- **Marisa Fear**, Strategies for Children
- **Yolanda Ramos**, Together for Kids Coalition
- **Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez**, Children's Playhouse Early Learning Center
- **Moderator**: Ronda Alexander, Director of National Partnerships, Vital Village Networks

[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.

Family Engagement

Next Meeting April 11, 2023 @ 3:00 pm ET.

ACES/TIP for Early Childhood Education

Next meeting April 18, 2023 @ 12:00 pm ET.

[Sign up here!](#)

Vital Village Data Storytelling Workshop: Sharing your Story

April 13, 2023, 5:30 - 7:00 PM ET

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

[Sign up here!](#)





Featured Article:

Fathers Who Lost Partners to Pregnancy-Related Deaths Are Dedication Their Lives to Birth Justice

Boston Medical Center HealthCity

Catch-up on a recent article from Boston Medical Center's (BMC) HealthCity featuring Omari Maynard and Bruce McIntyre III, Keynote speakers at the Vital Village Networks Annual National Community Leadership Summit in the fall 2022. You can read more about their birth justice advocacy work, and read included excerpts from their keynote discussion with Ronda Alexander of Vital Village Networks.

[Read here!](#)

Congratulations Rockwood Leadership Institute 2023 Prenatal-to-3 Leaders Fellows!

Join us in congratulating the inaugural 2023 Prenatal-to-3 Leader Fellows. We want to extend a special shout-out to the members of the NOW and Vital Village Networks who are among this cohort of incredible leaders:

Colleen Roan - Coordinator, McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition

Mia Jones - Early Childhood Coordinator & Pritzker Fellow, Children's Trust of Alachua County

Rockwood Leadership Institute

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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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