



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

- Malala Yousafzai

Welcome to the April 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 how communities come together through collective action and coalition building, like our March 30 webinar recording on participatory decision making in early childhood education and the latest Leadership Article! We hope you will save the date for the upcoming opportunities in May, including the second webinar in our 2023 series and our monthly Peer Learning Clusters. 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 abril 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 cómo las comunidades se unen a través de la acción colectiva y la construcción de coaliciones, como nuestra grabación del taller virtual de marzo 30 sobre la toma de decisiones participativas en la educación de la primera infancia y el último Artículo de Liderazgo! Esperamos que guarde la fecha para las próximas oportunidades en mayo, incluyendo el segundo taller virtual de nuestra serie 2023 y nuestros Peer Learning Clusters (Grupos de aprendizaje entre pares) mensuales. 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



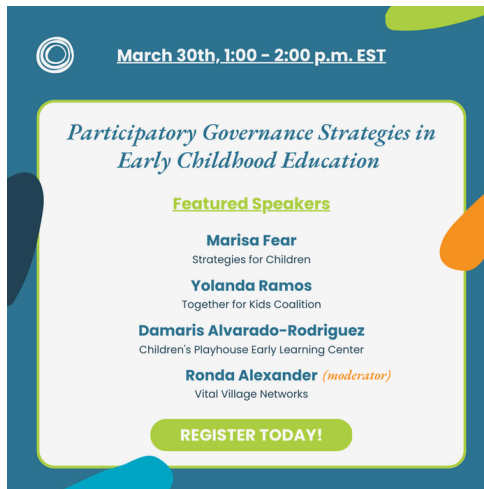
Webinar Archive: Participatory Governance Strategies in Early Childhood Education

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

Our March 30 session featured community leaders and champions, **Marisa Fear** (Strategies for Children), **Yolanda Ramos** (Together for Kids Coalition), and **Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez** (Children's Playhouse Early Learning Center), who are working to center community leadership through participatory governance and decision making strategies within early childhood education.

View the recording to hear key principles and practices of how to center participatory leadership and shared decision-making in early childhood education coalitions.

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NOW Leadership Article Series: *Amplifying Impact and Change Through Coalitions: An interview with Stephanie Crawford, Boston, MA*

March's Leadership Article features an interview with **Stephanie Crawford**, founder of [Propa City Community Outreach](#) in Boston, MA. Vital Village Networks was able to learn more about how coalitions have helped connect people, organizations, and leaders passionate about maternal health, and amplify impact through collaborative leadership. Read more about Stephanie's work and learn about ways to get involved.

[Read here!](#)

Peer Learning Clusters

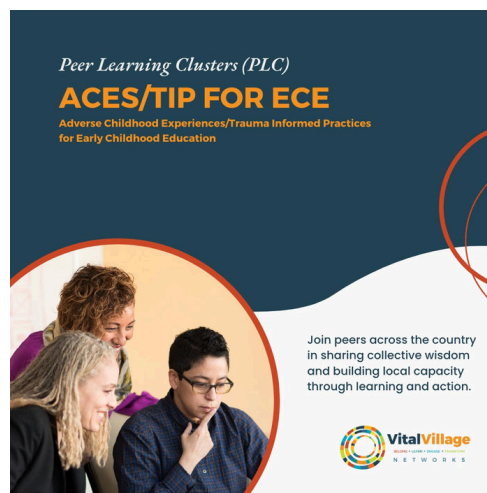
We invite you to join us for the next Peer Learning Clusters meeting where you can explore topics on family engagement, and adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and trauma-informed practices (TIP) with other peers.

Family Engagement

Next Meeting May 9, 2023 @3:00 pm ET.

ACES/TIP for Early Childhood Education

Next meeting May 16, 2023 @12:00 pm ET.



Register here!



Save the Date!

Register for our May 11 Webinar:
*Healing through Community Building
and Birth Equity Advocacy*

Join us on May 11, 2023 @ 1pm ET / 10am PT
to hear from featured speakers include **Omari Maynard**, **ARIAH Foundation**, and (invited) leaders from **Birth Equity & Justice Massachusetts (BEJMA)**.

Register here!



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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.

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