



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.”

— Ida B. Wells

Welcome to the February 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 febrero de 2022 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.



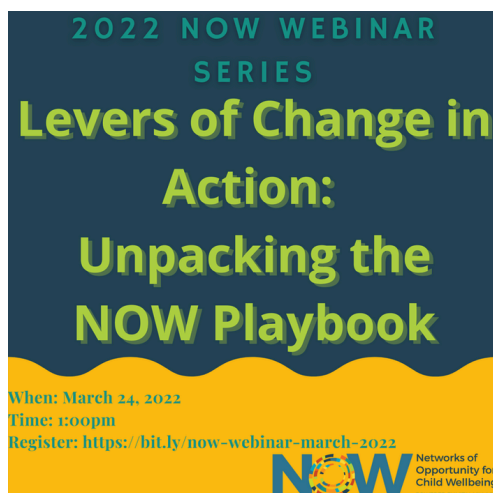
Network Highlights and Updates



NOW 2022 Webinar Series

The NOW 2022 Webinar Series “*Levers of Change in Action: Unpacking the NOW Playbook*” will kick off on Thursday, March 24th with a session focused on the connections between community food systems, maternal health and justice.

Register Today





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 us on February 23 for the next Peer Learning Clusters meeting where you can explore these topics with other peers.

February 23, 1pm Eastern: Family Engagement Meeting - Please complete this brief [survey](#) to be added to the registration list

February 23, 2pm Eastern: [Trauma Informed Practices for ECE Meeting](#) - Register today

[Learn More Here](#)

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.

Visit last year's summit [website](#) to learn more.

[2021 Summit Website 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



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 [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email us: certificate@academiacentralmooc.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.



Highlights from the NOW Innovation Forum





- [Reimagining Child Welfare: Equitable Models for Collaborative Family Leadership](#) - View the December 2021 NOW Webinar using this [link](#).
- [Sustaining Family-Led Innovations for Equitable COVID-Recovery](#) - View the June 2021 NOW Webinar using this [link](#).
- [Cooperative Economies for Collective Leadership: New Paradigms for Funding Community-Determined Efforts to Advance Child Wellbeing and Equity](#) - View the April 2021 NOW Webinar using this [link](#).
- [Redefining Justice for Children and Families](#) - View the March 2021 NOW Webinar using this [link](#).

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- [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](#)

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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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