



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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"Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift."

-Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants

Welcome to the June 2023 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share opportunities and resources with you as we kick-off the summer season!

In this edition you'll find:

- June NOW Leadership Article, *Addressing Racial Inequities in Doula Care: An interview with Joyce Clark*
- Peer Learning Cluster Member Fall Registration
- Summer Data Storytelling Workshop Sign-ups
- *In the Arena with NOW* Podcast Season 2 Announcement
- 2023 NOW Webinar Recordings

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 junio de 2023 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos muy contentos de compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted mientras comenzamos la estación de verano! En esta edición encontrará:

- Artículo de Liderazgo de NOW de junio, *Abordando las Inequidades Raciales en Cuidados de Asistentes de Parto (Doula): Una Entrevista con Joyce Clark*
- Inscripción de Otoño de los Clústeres de Aprendizaje Entre Pares
- Inscripciones para el Taller de Narración de Cuentos de Datos de Verano
- *En la Arena con NOW* Podcast Anuncio de Temporada 2
- Grabaciones del Taller Virtual NOW de 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

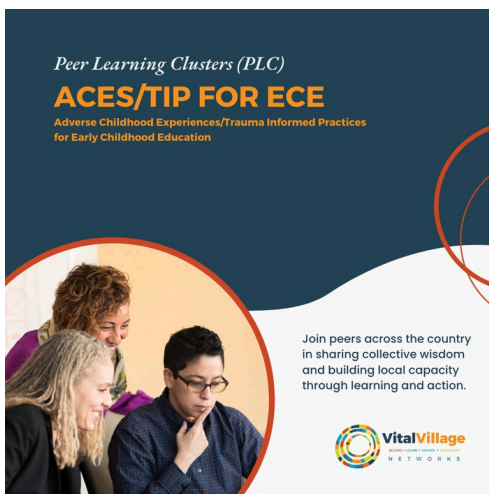


NOW Leadership Article Series: *Addressing Racial Inequities in Doula Care: An interview with Joyce Clark*

June's Leadership Article features an interview with **Joyce Clark**, founder of The **Birthingheirs Project** in Boston, MA. Vital Village Networks was able to learn more about her work as a doula, and her motivation to start Boston's first Doula Resource Library to address racial inequities in the doula care system. Read more about Joyce's leadership journey and learn about ways to get involved.



[Read here!](#)



Peer Learning Clusters

Peer Learning Clusters are taking a summer wellness break! We invite you to join us when meetings resume in September, and connect with peers to explore topics on family engagement, and adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and trauma-informed practices (TIP) with other peers.

[Sign-up here!](#)

Data Storytelling Workshop Series: Upcoming Session

**Community Data Collection, Storage,
and Program Evaluation - Wednesday,
July 12, 5:30-7:00 PM EDT**

Join Vital Village for 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!](#)



In the Arena with NOW: Season 2 Launches July 13

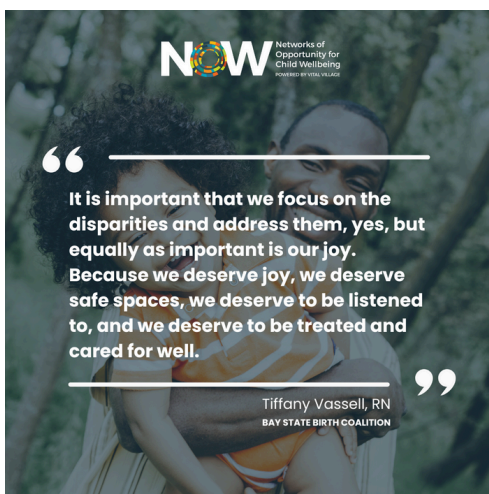
In the Arena with NOW lifts up the voices of community leaders who are “in the arena” - in classrooms, playgrounds, Congressional halls, hospitals, and neighborhood streets – working to make sure that all children and families can live healthy, thriving lives. Each episode will delve into the experiences of local coalitions, residents, and experts who are working to create equitable systems of care and education. We'll learn about what they are doing and why, challenges and successes faced, and advice for others seeking to build, grow, and sustain momentum for the long haul. Subscribe today and tune into our Season 2 kick off soon!

[Subscribe here!](#)

10th National Community Leadership Summit: Save the Date!

Save The Date for our 2023 National Community Leadership Summit, as we return in person for our 10th national summit on October 17th in Boston, MA. Registration and event details coming soon!

[Learn more here!](#)



NOW Webinar Archives

Earlier this year NOW hosted two webinars that featured leaders and coalitions transforming how we collaborate together to create thriving, healthy communities for generations to come. View the recordings and learn more about [Participatory Governance Strategies in Early Childhood Education](#) and [Healing through Community Building and Birth Equity Advocacy](#).

[View archives 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, and Instagram @vitalvillage so that we can virtually highlight the community led transformation you are leading.

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