



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”

— Lilla Watson

Welcome to the September 2022 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share and announce new opportunities, tools, and resources with you this month. We hope you can join us virtually next month for Vital Village’s 2022 National Community Leadership Summit on October 18-19. This year we are also hosting a Data Equity Symposium on October 17th for those seeking to build equity and strengths-focused, and socially and culturally diverse research, data-sharing, and evaluation capacity. 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 septiembre de 2022 del [Foro de innovación de NOW](#). Estamos emocionados de compartir y anunciar nuevas oportunidades, herramientas y recursos con usted este mes. Esperamos que pueda unirse a nosotros virtualmente el próximo mes para la Conferencia Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario 2022 de Vital Village del 18 al 19 de octubre. Este año también estamos organizando un Simposio de Equidad de Datos el 17 de octubre para aquellos que buscan construir capacidad de investigación, intercambio de datos y evaluación centrada en la equidad y las fortalezas, y social y culturalmente diversa. Gracias por su compromiso con los niños, las familias y las comunidades y por acompañarnos en nuestro viaje por otro año juntos.

**Join us for Vital Village Networks’ 2022 National Community
Leadership Summit!
Registration Now Open**

CRAFTING OUR LEGACY

Collaborative Action for Love, Liberation, and Joy!

VITAL VILLAGE NETWORKS 9TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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OCTOBER 18 -19, 2022

**Pre-Conference
Data Equity Symposium on October 17, 2022**

We are excited to invite you to join us for our 9th annual virtual National [Community Leadership Summit](#), themed *Crafting Our Legacy: Collaborative Action for Love, Liberation, and Joy*, hosted by Boston Medical Center's [Vital Village Networks](#) on **October 18-19 from 12pm-5:30pm ET**.

The Summit will include two general conference days, a pre-conference symposium on **October 17th from 12-4pm ET** focused on equity in data, as well as an opportunity to embark on a six-month learning journey focused on "Beloved Community in Action." We hope to bring together trailblazers and change-makers from around the globe who are dedicated to helping children and families get equitable access to the resources they need to thrive.

Don't miss this chance to inspire new thinking and connect with other community leaders to help children and families succeed. Register [here](#) today and please share with your networks!

Register here!



Network Highlights and Updates



2022 National Community Leadership Summit Call for Abstract Now Open

Our stories of community leadership are essential to advancing social change and honoring our rich legacies of advocacy, innovation, research and learning.

Do you have a story of community leadership that you'd like to share? We invite you to submit an abstract to join our **Virtual Poster Program on October 18th or 19th**. Abstracts are being accepted through **September 16th at 11:59pm ET**.

[Learn more here!](#)

NOW 2022 Webinar Series: Community Food Systems, Maternal Health and Justice



The graphic features two circular portraits of speakers. On the left is Tonni Oberly, a man with glasses and a blue shirt, holding a bowl of green food. On the right is India Hinton, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a red top. Below each portrait is their name and title. At the bottom center is the NOW logo, which consists of the letters 'NOW' in a stylized font with a colorful circular graphic to the right. To the right of the logo is the text 'Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing' and 'POWERED BY VITAL VILLAGE'.

Tonni Oberly
Research Scholar,
National Birth Equity Collaborative

India Hinton
Maternal and Child Health
Advocate

NOW Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing
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2022 Virtual Poster Program: Call for Abstracts



We are seeking your stories!

Do you have a presentation regarding either (1) community leadership stories, OR (2) data storytelling?

We invite participants to submit abstracts to be considered for a poster session at the 2022 National Community Leadership Summit on October 18-19, 2022.

Submit your abstract before the end of the day on September 16, 2022!

Webinar Archive: Cooperatives as a Practice of Community Leadership

Thank you for joining the second installment of our 2022 Webinar Series “[Levers of Change in Action: Unpacking the NOW Playbook](#).”

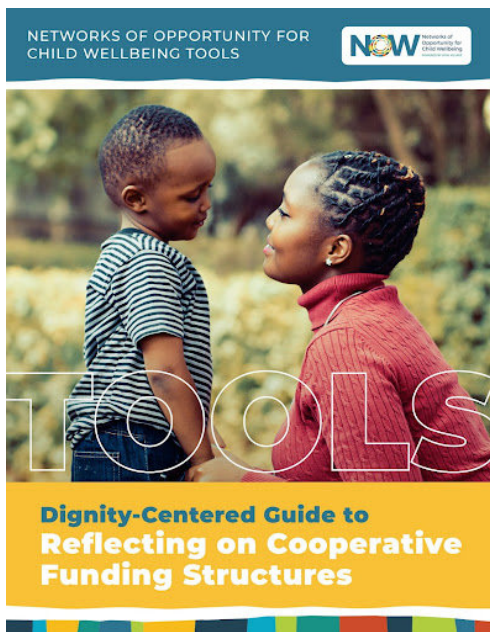
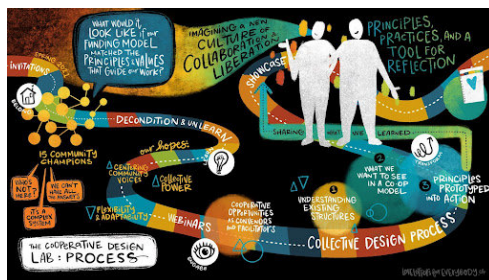
Our August 25 panel discussion featured Darnell Adams (Firebrand Cooperative) and Stephanie Waters (Young Child Wellness Council / Black Warrior Community Action Team) of the NOW Cooperative Design Lab, the community-leadership team behind the “A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting on Cooperative Funding Structures” tool. View the recording to hear how key principles and practices of cooperative models can foster and promote sustainable community leadership.

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Cultivating Community Leadership: Applying Lessons from Cooperative Models

Read our newest blog post by Corin Bauman, Network Design Equity Coordinator, who shares reflections and learnings from our *Cooperatives as a Practice of Community Leadership* webinar; she shares insights around it means to engage communities authentically with dignity, what we can learn from the cooperative movement, and what it means for our collective work to support children, families, and communities.

[Read here!](#)



NEW TOOL!

Check out “*A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting on Cooperative Funding Structures*”, a new resource that encourages funders and their potential partners to think intentionally about the goals and outcomes of their relationship, drawing on elements of successful #cooperative and #collaborative structures.

[Download here!](#)

Hearing From YOU!

What are you reading, watching, and/or listening to this month that's pushing your thinking around how to uplift and protect the dignity of children, families, and communities?

Visit the NOW Innovation Forum Blog to share what you've learned and start a discussion about what this work means for our communities?

Click [HERE](#) to get started.

View Blogs!



News, Opportunities, and Resources Across the Village



- **[Data Storytelling Workshop Series: Sharing Your Story](#): September 14 @ 5:30-7:00pm Eastern.** Who's telling the story of your community? Join Vital Village for the 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. Each session is 90 minutes with the goal of building capacity to tell stories using data. [Sign up here!](#)
- **[Black Maternal Health Conference & Training Institute](#): September 17 - 18, 2022.** The Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) is hosting its 2022 Black Maternal Health Conference and Training, at The Renaissance Hotel & Conference Center in Washington, DC, and virtually. Register and learn more [here](#).
- **The [Center for the Study of Social Policy \(CSSP\)](#) and the [National Infant-Toddler Court Program \(ITCP\) at ZERO TO THREE](#)** released a new resource [Grounding Family and Child Well-Being Policies and Systems in Anti-Racist Principles and Strategies](#). This brief highlights principles and strategies that if implemented with an intentional focus on advancing equity and responding to communities, can support infant and toddler well-being and strengthen families with young children, consequently, preventing involvement in child welfare and other deep-end systems.
- **[University of South Florida M3 Center on Inclusive and Ethical Leadership](#):** Free course features 40 TEDx style sessions (10-30 mins) 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: <https://app.knownia.com/sppK> . If you have any questions, please email us at certificate@academiacentralmooc.org



#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, so that we can virtually highlight the community led transformation you are leading.

Engage with us!



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