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“There is no clear one way to look as a leader in collaborative action, which is kind of the beauty of it...every experience is on the table as a qualification to be a leader in collaborative action.”

Reann Gibson, *In the Arena with NOW* Season 2, Episode 3

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Welcome to the August 2023 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum](#) Newsletter. We are excited to share opportunities and resources with you! In this edition you'll find:

- *In the Arena with NOW* Podcast Season 2 New Episode Release
- 10th National Community Leadership Summit Early Bird Registration deadline reminder
- August NOW Leadership Article, *Researchers Build Community Power to Influence Health in Gentrifying Neighborhoods*, By Reann Gibson
- NOW Resource Library featured coalition building resource, *The Tension of the Turf: Making It Work for the Coalition*

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 agosto de 2023 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos muy contentos de compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted!

En esta edición encontrará:

- El lanzamiento del nuevo episodio de la temporada 2 de *En La Arena* con el NOW Podcast
- Recordatorio de la fecha límite de inscripción anticipada para la 10ª Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario
- Artículo de liderazgo de NOW del mes de agosto, *Los Investigadores Construyen el Poder Comunitario para Influir la Salud en los Vecindarios Gentrificados*, escrito por Reann Gibson
- La Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW presenta el recurso de creación de coaliciones, *La Tensión del Territorio: Hacer Que Funcione para la Coalición*

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

In the Arena with NOW Podcast: Tune in to Season 2, Episode 3



How can collaborative action support joy and community healing? And what does this mean for how we define and understand leadership? In our latest episode, we speak with Reann Gibson, a community-based researcher and advocate who reflects on her decades-long work to support food access, transformation justice, and community-based participatory research in the Boston area. Reann shares how collaborative action can shift the narrative of leadership, making space for all different types of leaders, and how it can foster community-controlled and authentic spaces to support long term healing. Tune in to hear more about how participatory research efforts, such as the Healthy Neighborhood Study, can offer important lessons for creating these opportunities.

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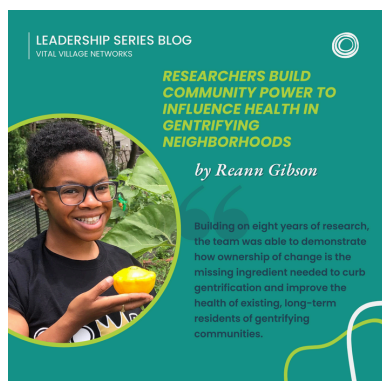
National Community Leadership Summit: Early Bird Registration Closes this Week

The 2023 National Community Leadership Summit (NCLS) returns in person on October 17th, in Boston, MA. This year's theme is *Writing Our Story: Collective Leadership for Joy, Justice, and Healing* bringing us together to rewrite the stories being told about our communities. Attendees will hear from and connect with community leaders, policymakers, educators, practitioners, community-based organizations, researchers, funders, and families to discuss and design community-building and engagement strategies to promote child wellbeing. Early bird registration closes this Friday, August 18th.



[Register Here](#)

New Leadership Article: *Researchers Build Community Power to Influence Health in Gentrifying Neighborhoods*



August's Leadership Article is written by Reann Gibson, and was previously published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Reann shares findings from the Healthy Neighborhoods Study (HNS), including how "ownership of change" - a sense of power and control over changes in their neighborhoods, including who benefits from the changes - is linked to increased levels of health and happiness. Read more about the study and learn suggestions for ensuring health and equity in community development plans. You can also hear Reann speak about this research and more on the latest episode of [In the Arena with NOW](#).

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Featured Resource: *The Tension of the Turf: Making It Work for the Coalition*

"Turf-ism" can be defined as non-cooperation or conflict between organizations with seemingly common goals or interests, and can threaten coalition vitality. *The Tension of Turf* was developed by the Prevention Institute, as a tool to help practitioners to identify, address, and manage turf issues and offers practical support for skillfully managing the dynamic tension that commonly arises when people collaborate.

Check out this resource, and many more, on coalitions and community collaboration in the NOW Resource Library.



[Access the Resource Here](#)

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