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"It's our responsibility to make this world more just and loving, to fight for people to have all the things they deserve as people have fought for us. We get much further in all our endeavors when we lift up our people as we work. This is very different than the message mainstream society tells us to focus on our own immediate needs. This is very different from the message we hear that disabled people have nothing to offer."

- Stacey Park Milbern

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Welcome to the November 2025 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share opportunities and resources with you this month. In this edition you're invited to:

- Register for the final installment of the 2025 NOW Webinar Series, *Centering Disability Justice in Intergenerational Movement Building*
- Look back at the 2025 National Community Leadership Summit, *Unwavering Resistance: An Invitation to Beloved Community*
- Explore *A Guide for Practitioners on Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits*, from the National Immigration Law Center
- Learn from the featured resource, *Disability Justice: An Audit Tool*
- Support Our Campaign, *Give Where Leaders Grow*

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 noviembre del 2025 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). Nos complace compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted este mes. En esta edición está invitado a:

- Registrarse para la última entrega de la serie de talleres virtuales de 2025 NOW, *Centrando la Justicia de la Discapacidad en la Construcción de Movimientos Intergeneracionales*
- Mirar atrás a la Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario del 2025, *Resistencia Inquebrantable: Una Invitación a la Comunidad Amada*
- Explorar *Una Guía para Profesionales sobre la Elegibilidad de Inmigrantes para Beneficios Públicos*, del Centro Nacional de Derecho de Inmigración
- Aprender del recurso destacado, *Justicia de la Discapacidad: Una Herramienta de Auditoría*
- Apoyar Nuestra Campaña, *Donar Donde Crecen los Líderes*

Gracias por su compromiso a los niños, las familias, y las comunidades, y por acompañarnos en nuestro recorrido ante otro año juntos.

Network Highlights

2025 NOW Webinar Series: Register Today

Join us tomorrow, **November 20, 2025** from **1:00 - 2:00 pm ET** for the final installment of the NOW Webinar Series, **Centering Disability Justice in Intergenerational Movement Building**. We'll hear from leaders about the importance of centering accessibility and disability justice within movement building spaces, and their reflections on strategies to ensure full participation and uphold dignity and collective care across generations.

Register Here



2025 National Community Leadership Summit: A Look Back

Heal Cultivate Thrive. These themes were embodied at the 12th Annual National Community Leadership Summit, this past October. As we carry forward the connections, inspiration and collective audacity to continue building the beloved communities centered in the collective care and dignity of all, we wanted to share a few highlights from our time in Boston, MA, together.

"The summit's theme, *Unwavering Resistance: An Invitation to Beloved Community*, invited us to think about how we show up in our work, not just as researchers, educators, or practitioners, but as ordinary people. Every session helped us reimagine what systems can look like if they are built with, and not for, the people most impacted by them... 'Freedom is choice; power is congruence' Those words echoed in my head long after the session ended. We heal when we listen, when we hold space, when we remember that our agency is always within reach ... even in imperfect systems... The Vital Village Summit reminded me again that change doesn't just happen in meetings and in policy briefs but in conversations, in relationships, in showing up again and again for each other."

-Kanwal Haq, 2025 Summit Attendee

Policy Tool Highlight: A Guide for Practitioners on Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits

A timely resource released from the National Immigration Law Center, *A Guide for Practitioners on Immigrant Eligibility for Public Benefits* breaks down eligibility rules across key programs, with a reference chart to help advocates understand their clients' options for various federal benefits.

[Access the Guide Here](#)



Featured Resource: Disability Justice: An Audit Tool



NOVEMBER 2025 FEATURED RESOURCE

Disability Justice: An Audit Toolkit

**FROM STACEY PARK MILBERN AND LEAH
LAKSHMI PIEPZNA-SAMARASINHA**

"Have you ever wondered how your organization is doing at practicing disability justice?" Explore this tool from Stacey Park Milbern and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha to strengthen your understanding of how your organizations are practicing disability justice, and identify place to further grow and learn.

From Stacey Park Milbern and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, this resource is "aimed at helping Black, Indigenous and POC-led organizations (that are not primarily focused around disability) examine where they're at in practicing disability justice, and where they want to learn and grow. It includes questions for self-assessment, links to access tools, organizational stories and more."

To learn more about integrating Disability Justice into your work join us for the upcoming webinar [Centering Disability Justice in Intergenerational Movement Building](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)

Support Our Campaign: *Give Where Leaders Grow*



At Vital Village Networks, we recognize that it takes a village to nurture leaders **from the community, for the community**. Together, we have been dedicated to investing in networks and cross-sector partnerships that center the leadership of caregivers and families, and create collaborative tools, processes, and conditions that promote child, family, and community well-being.

We need you, our village, to support our work and help create lasting change together. Please consider making a gift today to support Vital Village Networks and invest in the wisdom, innovative strategies, and power of grassroots leadership that is **#VillageMade**.

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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 so that we can virtually highlight the community-led transformation you are leading

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