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"Most people think that community means that we all think alike, or we'll all be taking the same action, when genuine community is inclusive and says, 'We're actually different but part of what we are working towards is how to be together in our difference.'"

- bell hooks

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Welcome to the December 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:

- View the recording of the final installment of the 2025 NOW Webinar Series, *Centering Disability Justice in Intergenerational Movement Building*
- Spotlight the Peer Learning Cluster 2024 - 2025 *Advocacy and Community Leadership Series*
- Explore the expanded NOW Resource Library, with new Birth Justice tools added
- Learn from the featured resource, *Delivering Birth Justice: A toolkit for advocates*
- 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 diciembre 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:

- Ver la grabación de la última entrega de la Serie de Talleres Virtuales de NOW del 2025, *Centrando la Justicia por Discapacidad en la Construcción de Movimiento Intergeneracional*
- Destacar el Clúster de Aprendizaje entre Pares 2024 - 2025 *La Serie de Promoción y Liderazgo Comunitario*
- Explorar la Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW ampliada, con nuevas herramientas de Justicia de Nacimiento agregadas
- Aprender del recurso destacado, *Dando a Luz Justicia de Nacimiento: Un kit de herramientas para defensores*
- 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 Archive: Centering Disability Justice in Intergenerational Movement Building

Thank you for joining us last month for the final installment of the 2025 NOW Webinar series, [Routed in Connection](#), [Rising in Power](#). National Leaders **Fabienne Eliacin**, Parent Advocate and Organizer; **Maria Palacios**, SinsInvalid and the Crip Solidarity Network; and **Francisco (aka Pancho) Argüelles**, The Praxis Project, shared reflections on resistance through radical self-love, intentional solidarity, and the importance of naming not just what we are 'against,' but what we are 'for.' Watch the recording and learn more about what centering disability justice looks like in our current moment and how this work leads us toward collective liberation.

[View the Recording Here](#)



Peer Learning Clusters: A Reflection on the Advocacy and Community Leadership Workshop Series

Beginning in 2024 the Peer Learning Cluster co-leaders stewarded a collaborative design process to lead the program into a new chapter of its 5+ year history. Through member-led co-design sessions, and intentional integration of participant feedback, the program launched its **Advocacy and Community Leadership Workshop Series** in Spring of 2024. Over the past two years, these sessions have led to a cumulative total of over 300 hours of peer-to-peer learning on topics such as healing-centered advocacy, reflective practices, exploring mutual aid and more.

We hope you can join us in the New Year, as we continue to learn with and from one another, exploring ways to build and strengthen our collective advocacy power to ensure a just future where all children and families can thrive.

"It's really a gift to hear others' stories, and it's so vital for reflection and understanding how you're situated in systems..."

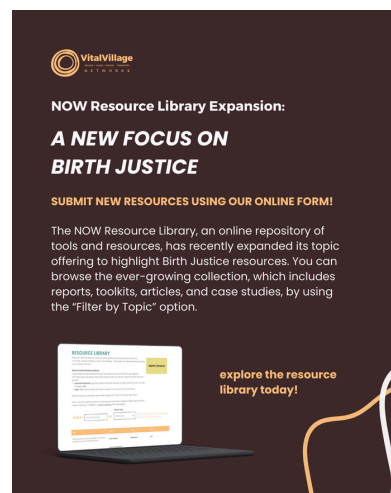
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NOW Resource Library Expansion: A New Focus on Birth Justice

The NOW Resource Library, an online repository of tools and resources, has recently expanded its topic offering to highlight Birth Justice resources. You can browse the ever-growing collection, which includes reports, toolkits, articles, and case studies, by using the "Filter by Topic" option.

Have a resource you want to share with other changemakers and visionaries across the country? We invite you to share your resource through our [online submission form](#)!

Access the Resource Library



Featured Resource: Delivering Birth Justice: A toolkit for advocates



Delivering Birth Justice: Transforming Maternal Health through Midwifery and Community Care offers a clear and compelling blueprint for integrating high quality midwifery and community based care into the U.S. healthcare system. Created by [Comotion](#), the toolkit serves as both a practical guide and a call to action for healthcare leaders, philanthropists, policymakers, investors, advocates, and organizers committed to transforming maternal health. Read the report, download graphics for sharing on social media, and learn more about the critical movement for changing maternal health care in the U.S.

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**.

Give Today

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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