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“Where do we even start on the daily walk of restoration and awakening? We start where we are.”

Anne Lamott

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Welcome to the July 2024 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share additional opportunities and resources with you. In this edition you'll find:

- Registration for Vital Village Networks' 2024 National Community Leadership Summit, October 1-2 in Boston, MA
- NOW Leadership Article, "*My Dream*" by Colleen Roan, McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *The Future of Healing: Shifting from Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement*
- NOW Resource Highlight, *A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting Cooperative Funding Structures*
- Support our Campaign, *Together we Thrive*

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 julio del 2024 del [Boletín Informativo del Foro de Innovación NOW](#). Estamos emocionados de compartir oportunidades y recursos adicionales con usted. En esta edición encontrará:

- Inscripción para la Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario del 2024 de Vital Village Networks, 1-2 de octubre en Boston, MA
- Artículo de Liderazgo de NOW, "*Mi Sueño*", por Colleen Roan, Coalición de la Primera Infancia del Condado de McKinley
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos NOW, *El Futuro de la Sanación: Pasando de la Atención Informada Sobre el Trauma a la Participación Centrada en la Sanación*
- Recurso destacado de NOW, *Una Guía Centrada en la Dignidad para Reflexionar sobre las Estructuras de Financiación Cooperativa*
- Apoye Nuestra Campaña, *Juntos Prosperamos*

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

National Community Leadership Summit: Meet our Keynote Speaker Mia Birdsong

We are excited to announce that Mia Birdsong will be joining us as a keynote speaker for the 2024 Summit!

Join us October 1-2, 2024 at Artists for Humanity in Boston, MA, as we celebrate this annual gathering of local leaders and changemakers with this year's theme, **Radical Connection and Renewal for Collective Liberation**. We invite you to share your story by submitting an abstract to our Lightning Talk Program by August 30, 2024.

Registration closes August 30, 2024.

Learn more on our summit website and sign up to receive the latest summit news.



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NOW Leadership Article: "My Dream," by Colleen Roan, McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition



Long-time NOW member and Peer Learning Cluster Co-Lead, **Colleen Roan**, shared her reflections on navigating advocacy pathways through relational and healing-centered strategies. A member of the Navajo Nation, Colleen serves as the Coordinator of the McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition where she supports partnering with stakeholders and creating a more cohesive, equitable and effective early childhood system and coordinating a continuum of family driven, community based, high quality prenatal to five programs and services that are available and accessible to all families in the county. *Read stories of local leaders and more in our NOW Leadership Article Series.*

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NOW Resource Library Feature: *The Future of Healing: Shifting from Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement*

In this essay, Dr. Shawn Ginwright reflects on the evolution of the concept and responses to "trauma-informed care" and proposes a new framework - healing centered engagement - a strategy to address persistent inequities. The article delves into the key characteristics of this practice and explores how this new framework is a "tectonic shift" in viewing trauma. Check out this resource and many more in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)



JULY 2024 FEATURED RESOURCE

The Future of Healing: Shifting from Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement

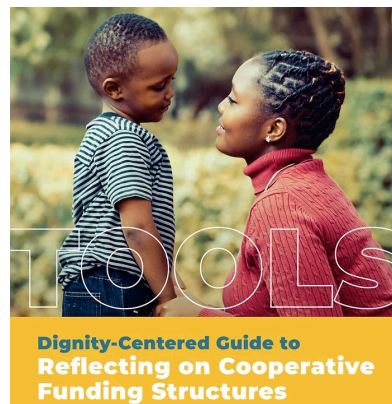
FROM SHAWN GINWRIGHT PH.D.

Featured in the NOW Resource Library, this essay reflects on the evolution of the concept and responses to "trauma-informed care" and proposed a new framework - healing centered engagement - as a strategy to address persistent inequities.

NOW Resource Highlight: A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting on Cooperative Funding Structures

This reflection guide 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. In addition to downloading the guide, you can learn more about the guide and cooperative models in our featured webinar [Cooperatives as Practice of Community Leadership](#).

[Download Guide Here](#)



At Vital Village Networks, we envision a world where every child's birthright includes a healthy, joyful, and equitable future. As we continue to work collectively to improve child well-being and nurture community leadership, we see power in knowing we are not alone, and that **Together, We Thrive**.

Every contribution, regardless of the amount or type of service, helps to sustain this critical work of supporting civic leadership and driving positive change. Can we count on your support to reach our goal?

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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