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“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive.”

Maya Angelou

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Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share additional opportunities and resources with you, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. In this edition you'll find:

- View Webinar Archive, *Elevating Power through Healing-Centered Action: Reflections from the Greater Boston Birth Equity Coalition*
- Register for the June 11 Peer Learning Cluster Workshop, *Healing-Centered Advocacy for Equity: Beyond Trauma-Informed Practices: Part 2*
- NOW Leadership Article, *Still leaning into the discomfort and valuing disorganization*, by Stephanie Waters, NOW Learning Community Member
- Join us for Vital Village Networks' 2024 National Community Leadership Summit, October 1-2 in Boston, MA
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Rhythm & Rhyme: Activities for Early Childhood Mental Health*

Thank you for your commitment to children, families, and communities and for joining us as we journey through another year together.

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 Bienvenido a la edición de mayo de 2024 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos emocionados de compartir oportunidades y recursos adicionales con usted, en honor al Mes de la Concientización sobre la Salud Mental! En esta edición encontrará:

- Ve el archivo del taller virtual, *Elevando el Poder a Través de la Acción Centrada en la Sanación: Reflexiones de la Coalición de Equidad de Nacimiento del Gran Boston*
- Regístrese para el Taller de Aprendizaje entre Pares del 11 de junio, *Abogacía Centrada en la Sanación para la Equidad de Nacimiento: Más Allá de las Prácticas Informadas por el Trauma: Parte 2*
- Artículo Destacado de Liderazgo NOW, *todavía apoyándose en la incomodidad y valorando la desorganización*, por Stephanie Waters, Miembro de la Comunidad de Aprendizaje de NOW
- Únase a nosotros para la Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario 2024 de Vital Village Networks, octubre de 1-2 en Boston, MA
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos NOW, *Ritmo & Ritma: Actividades para la Salud Mental de la Primera Infancia*

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

Webinar Archive: Elevating Power through Healing-Centered Action: Reflections from the Greater Boston Birth Equity Coalition

Thank you for joining us on April 25 for a dynamic conversation with members of the Greater Boston Birth Equity Coalition (GBBEC), who shared powerful personal stories and reflections around the critical work needed to ensure safety, dignity, and respect for birthing families. View the webinar archive to access the recording, materials, and other resources to get involved and learn more about the coalition's work underway.

[View Archive](#)



Peer Learning Cluster Workshop: Healing-Centered Advocacy for Equity: Beyond Trauma-Informed Practices: Part 2



Thank you for joining us last month for a dynamic workshop that delved into the tenets of white supremacy and the intersection of trauma-informed practices and healing-centered advocacy to champion birth equity. Join us for Part 2 of this workshop series, on **Tuesday, June 11 from 11:30am-1:00pm Eastern**, to cultivate essential skills and strategies for dismantling racism and barriers to birth equity within healthcare systems and communities.

[Register Here](#)

NOW Leadership Article: Still leaning into discomfort and valuing disorganization, by Stephanie Waters

How can we create spaces of alternative ways of being, doing and mindsets that recognize and embrace diversity, complexity, and multiple perspectives? In this poignant reflection, long-time NOW Learning Community member and leader, Stephanie Waters, shares her experience and learnings with unpacking Tema Okun's article on the tenets of white supremacy and how it shows up in our work and lives. *Read stories of local leaders and more in our NOW Leadership Article series.*

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Join us for our 2024 National Community Leadership Summit



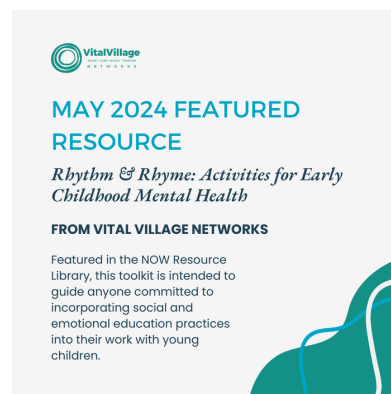
Vital Village Network is excited to host our **2024 National Community Leadership Summit**, themed *Radical Connection and Renewal for Collective Liberation*, this **October 1-2 in Boston, MA**. Register today and share your story by submitting an abstract to our Lightning Talk Program. We hope you can join us for this two-day gathering of fellow change makers and advocates committed to child and family wellbeing. Learn more on our summit website and sign up to receive the latest summit news.

[Learn More](#)

NOW Resource Library Feature: *Rhythm & Rhyme: Activities for Early Childhood Mental Health*

Created by Vital Village Networks, this toolkit is intended to guide anyone committed to incorporating social and emotional education practices into their work with young children. Check out this resource and many more in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)



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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