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“Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts.”

Barbara Gittings

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

- Register today for Vital Village Networks' 2024 National Community Leadership Summit, October 1-2 in Boston, MA
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Culture-Based Resources to Promote Mental Health and Well-Being for LGBTQ Children & Youth*
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Teaching Juneteenth and the Meaning of Freedom*
- *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 junio del 2024 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos emocionados de compartir oportunidades y recursos adicionales con usted, en honor a Juneteenth (Día de la Emancipación) y al Mes del Orgullo. En esta edición encontrará:

- Regístrese hoy para la Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario del 2024 de Vital Village Networks, 1-2 de octubre en Boston, MA
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos NOW, *Recursos Basados en la Cultura para Promover la Salud Mental y el Bienestar de los Niños y Jóvenes LGBTQ*
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos NOW, *Enseñando Juneteenth (Día de la Emancipación) y el Significado de la Libertad*
- *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

Register today for our 2024 National Community Leadership Summit

Register today for Vital Village Networks' **2024 National Community Leadership Summit**, from **October 1-2 in Boston, MA**. We hope you can join this two-day gathering of fellow change makers and advocates committed to child and family wellbeing, focused on the theme, *Radical Connection and Renewal for Collective Liberation*. Share your story by submitting an abstract to our **Lightning Talk Program by August 30, 2024**. Learn more on our summit website and sign up to receive the latest summit news.

[Learn More](#)



NOW Resource Library Feature: Culture-Based Resources to Promote Mental Health & Well-Being for LGBTQ Children & Youth

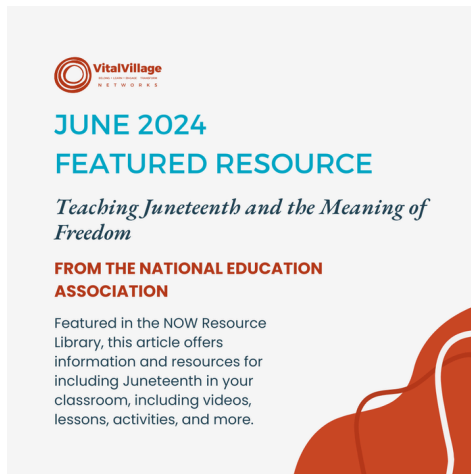


Created by the Family Acceptance Project (FAP) and the Innovations Institute, these selected resources focus on connecting LGBTQ youth and families with organizations, events and activities that affirm ethnic, racial, spiritual and LGBTQ & Two Spirit identities. Check out this resource and many more in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)

NOW Resource Library Feature: Teaching Juneteenth and the Meaning of Freedom

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, when, on June 19, 1865, the news of emancipation finally reached over 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas and signaled their freedom. Created by the National Education Association, this resource offers background information and resources for including Juneteenth in your classroom, including videos, lessons and activities, and more. Check out this resource and many more in the [NOW Resource Library](#).



[Access the Resource 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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