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“Advocacy is empathy, compassion and community at work.”

Janna Cachola

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

- The first 2024 NOW Leadership Article of the year, *The Imperative of NOW: Community Power and Healing-Centered Advocacy*, featuring our 2024 theme and ways to stay engaged
- Save the Dates for the 2024 NOW Webinar Series
- An invitation to complete the Biennial NOW Network Survey
- Registration for the Vital Village Networks 2024 Data Storytelling Workshop Series
- An introduction to the Vital Village Networks 2024 Community Food Systems Fellows
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Trauma-Informed Policymaking Tool: A Policy Approach to Preventing and Healing from Trauma* from the Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

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 enero de 2024 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos muy contentos de compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted! En esta edición encontrará:

- El primer Artículo de Liderazgo de NOW 2024 del año, *El Imperativo de NOW: Poder Comunitario y Abogacía Centrada en la Sanación*, que presenta nuestro tema de 2024 y formas de mantenerse conectado
- Reserve las fechas para la serie de Seminarios Web de NOW de 2024
- Una invitación para completar la Encuesta Bienal de la Red NOW
- La inscripción para las Serie de Talleres de Narración de Datos de Vital Village de 2024
- Una introducción a los Becarios de Sistemas Alimentarios Comunitarios de Vital Village Networks de 2024
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW, *Herramienta de Formulación de Políticas Informada sobre el Trauma: Un Enfoque de Políticas para Prevenir y Sanar el Trauma* del Grupo de Investigación sobre Políticas de Salud y Medicina

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

New 2024 NOW Leadership Article Series: *Imperative of NOW: Community Power and Healing-Centered Advocacy*



We are kicking off the 2024 NOW Leadership Article Series with an introduction to the theme and focus for our shared storytelling, peer learning, and skill building opportunities this year. With this year being an important election year that will shape decision making and power structures across the country, we hope you will join us as we learn together about community power and healing-centered advocacy. Read more about our theme, and find ways to contribute to our shared learning and leading in this month's leadership article.

[Read Here](#)

2024 NOW Webinar Series: Save the Dates!

We are excited to announce our 2024 Webinar Series, *The Imperative of NOW: Community Power and Healing-Centered Advocacy*. In this four-part quarterly series, we will hear from community leaders sharing best practices for advocacy and community power from their local communities.

Webinars will be hosted at 1:00 pm ET on the following dates:

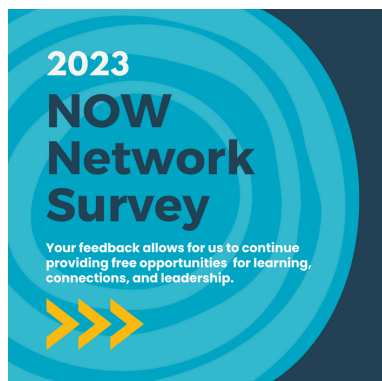
- March 14, 2024 - *Voter and Civic Engagement*
- June 13, 2024 - *Birth Equity Advocacy*
- September 12, 2024 - *Participatory Research and Measuring Collaborative Impact*
- December 5, 2024 - *Local Food and Education Systems Transformation*



Stay tuned for more information and event registration.

[Learn More Here](#)

Biannual NOW Network Survey



Your feedback is important to us! We invite you to take our 2023 Biennial NOW Network Survey. Your input will help us to continue to provide free resources, tools, and learning opportunities that can better support your work on the ground. Take the survey today and be entered into a raffle drawing for a gift card or registration voucher for our 2024 National Community Leadership Summit!

[Take the Survey Here](#)

2024 Data Storytelling Workshop Series

Join Vital Village Networks for the free, virtual Data Storytelling workshop series and build your capacity to create and share stories that support social change using data tools. Workshops will focus on five themes for collecting and sharing information that highlight community assets and leverage community strengths. Learn more about the series and express your interest at the link below.

The first workshop on **Community-Driven Data** - will be held on **February 15, 2024** from **5:30 - 7:00 p.m. ET**.



[Learn More Here](#)

Introducing the Vital Village Networks 2024 Community Food Systems Fellows



Vital Village Networks is excited to announce selections for its 2024 Community Food Systems Fellowship with 10 diverse, food systems leaders who are scaling community-stewarded solutions for building equitable, local food systems.

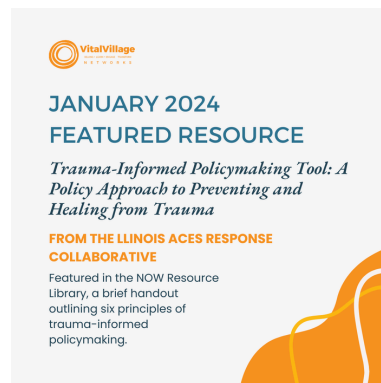
[Learn More Here](#)

NOW Resource Library Feature: Trauma-Informed Policymaking Tool: A Policy Approach to Preventing and Healing from Trauma

From the *Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative - Health & Medicine Policy Research Group*, this brief handout outlines six principles of trauma-informed policymaking. With each principle is a series of prompts that policymakers and other community members can use for collective accountability to create healing-centered policies.

Check out this resource, and many more, on coalitions and community collaboration in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)



In the Village, We all Belong



Support us in our newest campaign, *In The Village, We All Belong*, to ensure a sense of belonging for every child and family. Together, we continue to make significant strides in creating and elevating opportunities for co-creation and systems transformation to ensure an equitable future for all children and families. Thank you.

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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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