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"Activism works. So what I'm telling you to do now, is to act. Because no one is too small to make a difference.

- Greta Thunburg

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Welcome to the May 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:

- Register for the 12th Annual National Community Leadership Summit
- Register for the second installment of the NOW Webinar Series on June 12
- Save the Date for the June workshop in the Peer Learning Cluster's 2025 Advocacy and Community Leadership Series
- Explore the featured resource, *Policy and Advocacy Campaigns* from Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)
- 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 mayo 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 estás invitado a:

- Registrarse para la 12ª Cumbre Anual de Liderazgo Comunitario
- Registrarse para la segunda entrega de la serie NOW Webinar de 2025 el 12 de junio
- Guardar la Fecha para el taller de junio en la Serie de Abogacía y Liderazgo Comunitario 2025 del Clúster de Aprendizaje entre Pares
- Explorar el recurso destacado, Políticas y Campañas de Abogacía de Niños Necesitados de Defensa (KIND)
- Apoyar Nuestra Campaña, *Juntos Prosperamos*

Gracias por su compromiso a los niños, las familias, y las comunidades, y por acompañarnos en nuestro recorrido ante otro año juntos.

Member Spotlight: Wendy Miron, Kids in Need of Defense

We are excited to highlight long-time NOW Learning Community partner Wendy Miron, who serves as Vice President of U.S. Psychosocial Services at Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and who recently reached a significant milestone. Please join us in celebrating Dr. Wendy Miron, who recently received her Doctorate of Social Work from Simmons University. Wendy shared, "[NOW and Vital Village] have been one of the leaders who continue to inspire my professional goals of leading through empathy and open heart. I am graduating next week at Simmons University with my Doctorate in Social Work. My capstone focuses on the importance of fostering resilience for service providers working with migrant children." To learn more about Wendy Miron's work at KIND, visit <https://supportkind.org/>.

Congratulations, Wendy!

Network Highlights

2025 National Community Leadership Summit: Registration now open!

Registration is now open for the 12th annual National Community Leadership Summit in Boston, MA! Join us on **October 23 - 24, 2025** for this year's event, themed **Unwavering Resistance: An Invitation to Beloved Community**. During this two-day event, we will collectively heal ourselves and our communities, learn and grow our strategies for justice, and find and live in the moments of joy.

Submissions for abstract and workshop proposals are open. Please note that workshop proposals are due June 6th!

[Register Here](#)



2025 NOW Webinar Series: Collective Action Towards Movement Sustainability: Reflections from LGBTQIA+ Justice Movements



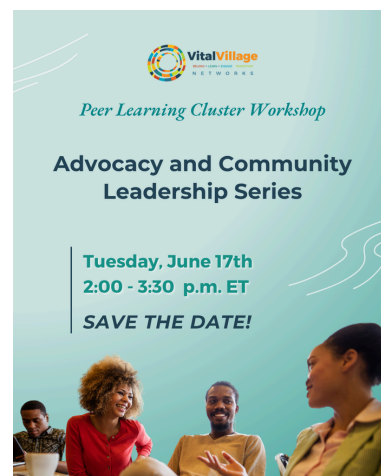
We invite you to register for the second session of the 2025 NOW Webinar series, [Routed in Connection, Rising in Power](#), scheduled for **June 12 at 1:00pm ET**. Drawing on the longstanding history of justice movements past and present, we will learn from local leaders as they reflect on the legacies of advocacy, creativity, and joyful resistance from LGBTQIA+ and gender expansive communities. Hear their reflections on what movement sustainability looks like in our current moment and collective strategies, resources and actions needed moving forward.

[Register Here](#)

Peer Learning Cluster Workshop: Save the Date

The Peer Learning Cluster is hosting its second workshop in their **Advocacy and Community Leadership Series** for 2025! Save the Date for **June 17, 2025 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET**. Join us for this series as we continue to learn with and from one another, and explore how to build and strengthen our collective advocacy power for ensuring a just future where all children and families can thrive.

[Register Here](#)



Featured Resource: Policy and Advocacy Campaigns from Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)



MAY 2025 FEATURED RESOURCE

Policy and Advocacy Campaigns

FROM KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND)

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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 help us reach our goal?

[Give Together, 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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