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"(Practicing radical self-care) means we're able to bring our entire selves into the movement. It means we incorporate into our work as activists ways of acknowledging and hopefully moving beyond trauma. It means a holistic approach."

- Angela Davis

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Welcome to the April 2026 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:

- View the recording of the first webinar in the 2026 NOW Webinar Series, *The Practice of Belonging*
- Read the latest Leadership Series Blog, *Belonging as an Embodied Practice*
- Sign up for the free Data Storytelling Workshop Series, next session on April 23
- Explore the featured resource, *No Burnout Bingo*
- Support Our Campaign, *Give Where Leaders Grow*

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 abril de 2026 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). Nos complace compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted este mes. En esta edición está invitado a:

- Ver la grabación del primer taller virtual de la Serie de Talleres Virtuales de NOW del 2026, *La Práctica de Pertenecer*
- Leer el último blog de la Serie de Liderazgo, *Perteneciendo como una Práctica Incorporada*
- Inscribirse a la Serie de Talleres Gratuitos de Narración de Datos, la próxima sesión el 23 de abril
- Explorar el recurso destacado, *No Agotamiento (Burnout) Bingo*
- Apoyar Nuestra Campaña, *Donar Donde Crecen los Líderes*

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

Network Highlights

2026 NOW Webinar Archive: *The Practice of Belonging*

Thank you for joining us last month for the first session of the 2026 NOW Webinar series, [The Practice of Belonging](#). National leaders **Stefanie D. Belnavis**, Founder and Perinatal Movement Psychotherapist, A Bucket For The Well, LLC, **Tayla Kelly**, Doula, Birth Assistant, National Birth Justice Fellow, and **Aditi Subramaniam**, Director of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Policy at Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, shared reflections on belonging as a practice rooted in design and care. Watch the recording to learn more about how storytelling, radical dreaming and embodiment help sustain our collective liberation movements.

[View the Recording Here](#)



NOW Leadership Article: *Belonging as an Embodied Practice*



NOW | LEADERSHIP SERIES BLOG

Belonging as an Embodied Practice:
Reflections from the March 2026 NOW Webinar



Summer Peace
Birth Justice Resource &
Engagement Coordinator Intern

The full self is someone who laughs, cries, dances, eats, moves, emphasizing how belonging is an embodied practice.

read the full blog at networksofopportunity.org

"Belonging... is both grounded in a lived experience and relies on the freedom to dream with joy and limitless possibilities."

In this thoughtful reflection, Vital Village Networks Birth Justice Intern, Summer Peace, shares the lessons taken from the NOW webinar, *The Practice of Belonging*, highlighting how everyday practices like co-journeying, authenticity and embodiment can support our collective efforts to build systems that honor our humanity, connection and agency.

Read stories of local leaders and more in our NOW Leadership Article series.

Read Here

2026 Data Storytelling Workshop Series

Who's telling the story of your community?

Join the **2026 Virtual Data Storytelling Workshop Series** and build your capacity to create and share stories that support social change using data tools.

The workshop series focuses on five themes for collecting and sharing information that highlight community assets and leverages community strengths:

1. Community-Driven Data
2. Data Collection and Storage
3. Mapping and GIS
4. Program Design and Evaluation
5. Sharing Your Story
6. Ethical Use of AI

Next Workshop: **Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm ET**

Register Here



Data Storytelling Workshop Series
Who's Telling the Story of Your Community?

Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET | Virtual

February 26 | March 26 | April 23 | May 21

REGISTER TODAY!

Featured Resource: *No Burnout Bingo*



APRIL 2026 FEATURED RESOURCE

No Burnout Bingo

FROM CENTER FOR STORY
BASED STRATEGY

This three-page document includes two pages of No Burnout Bingo plus a third blank page for creating your own. Download it now and keep yourself and your friends sustainably involved in building movements for collective liberation.

From the **Center for Story Based Strategy**, this three-page document invites you to explore ways to keep yourself and your friends sustainably involved in building movements for collective liberation. With categories like connection, creativity & replenishment, and change of scenery, you can engage with the two pages of suggested burnout prevention strategies and create your own bingo card. Access the activity below.

[Access the Resource Here](#)

Support Our Campaign: *Give Where Leaders Grow*



At Vital Village Networks, we recognize that it takes a village to nurture leaders **from the community, for the community**. Together, we have been dedicated to investing in networks and cross-sector partnerships that center the leadership of caregivers and families, and create collaborative tools, processes, and conditions that promote child, family, and community well-being.

We need you, our village, to support our work and help create lasting change together. Please consider making a gift today to support Vital Village Networks and invest in the wisdom, innovative strategies, and power of grassroots leadership that is **#VillageMade**.

[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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