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"Task: We must become scholars of belonging.

Need: Separation weakens. It is the main way we are kept (and keep each other) in conditions of oppression.

Truth: Belonging doesn't begin with other people accepting us. It begins with our acceptance of ourselves..."

- adrienne maree brown

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Welcome to the March 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:

- Register for the first installment of the 2026 NOW Webinar Series, tomorrow on March 19, *The Practice of Belonging*
- Sign up for the free Data Storytelling Workshop Series, next session on March 26
- Register for the first workshop in the Peer Learning Cluster's 2026 Advocacy and Community Leadership Series, *Sustaining our Advocacy: Focus on the Worker, Not the Work*, on April 19
- Explore the featured resource, *2025 Black Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda*
- 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 marzo 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:

- Registrarse para la primera entrega de la Serie de Talleres Virtuales de NOW del 2026, mañana el 19 de marzo, *La Práctica de Pertenecer*
- Inscribirse para la Serie de Talleres Gratuitos de Narración de Datos, la próxima sesión el 26 de marzo
- Registrarse para el primer taller de la Serie de Abogacía y Liderazgo Comunitario 2026 del Clúster de Aprendizaje entre Pares, *Manteniendo nuestra Abogacía: Enfocarse en el Trabajador, no en el Trabajo*, el 19 de Abril
- Explorar el recurso destacado, *Agenda de Política de Justicia Reproductiva Negra del 2025*
- Aproyar 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 Series: *The Practice of Belonging*

We invite you to join us tomorrow for the launch of this year's 2026 NOW Webinar Series, **The Practice of Belonging, on March 19 at 1pm ET!** During the first installment of the series, we will explore the question, *how do we design systems that cultivate connection, agency and solidarity in everyday practice?* Through the lens of birth justice, local leaders will share real world examples to help us deepen our understanding on how centering humanity, relationship building, and shared responsibility shape communities where people experience dignity, voice and collective care.

[Register Here](#)

NOW Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing
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2026 WEBINAR SERIES

The Practice of Belonging

Thursday March 19, 2026 | 1:00 pm ET

Stefanie Belnavis
Founder and Perinatal Movement Psychotherapist, A Bucket For The Well, LLC

Tayla Kelly
Doula, Birth Assistant, Birth Justice Fellow

Aditi Subramanian
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

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2026 Data Storytelling Workshop Series

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!

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 will focus on five themes for collecting and sharing information that highlight community assets and leverages community strengths:

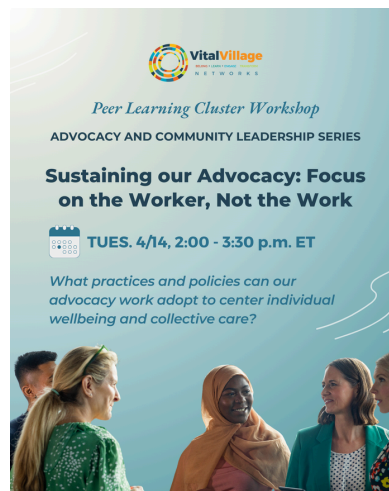
1. Community-Driven Data
2. Data Collection and Storage
3. Mapping and GIS
4. Program Design and Evaluation
5. Sharing Your Story
6. Ethical Use of AI

Workshop dates: Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. ET
Next session on **March 26, 2026**

[Register Here](#)

Peer Learning Cluster Workshop: Sustaining our Advocacy: Focus on the Worker, Not the Work

What practices and policies can our advocacy work adopt to center individual wellbeing and collective care? Join us on **April 14 at 2pm ET** for the first workshop in the 2026 Peer Learning Cluster **Advocacy and Community Leadership Series, Sustaining our Advocacy: Focus on the Worker, Not the Work**. In this critical session, we will explore how we can sustain community leadership movements by embodying the principle of “focus on the worker, not the work.” From small, actionable wellbeing strategies to organizational policy shifts, participants will have the opportunity to share and explore real life examples of how we can individually and collectively prioritize worker wellbeing in our mission-driven work.



[Register Here](#)

Featured Resource: 2025 Black Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda



From **Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda**, this policy roadmap addresses the intersections of race, gender, and social determinants within reproductive justice. With over 125 policy recommendations, the policy agenda aims to mobilize transformative action for reproductive justice for Black women, girls and gender-expansive people. Access the agenda 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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