

# WEBINAR: NOW Innovation Forum Virtual Tour

Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
1:00pm ET / 10:00 am PT



Networks of  
Opportunity for  
Child Wellbeing  
POWERED BY VITAL VILLAGE



# Tips to Remember

- Microphones Muted
- Use chat box
- Submit questions on Dashboard
- Raise Hand option during Q&A
- Recording and slides will be posted

# Overview

- Introduction
- Overview of NOW
- NOW Innovation Forum Overview & Walk Through
  - Overall Structure and Navigation
  - Key Tools and Resources
- Q&A

# Featured Speakers



**Ronda Alexander**  
Director of  
Operations  
*Vital Village  
Network*



**Renee Boynton-  
Jarrett**  
Founding Director  
Associate Professor  
*Vital Village Network*



**Jamie Bussel**  
Senior Program  
Officer  
*Robert Wood  
Johnson Foundation*



**Diana Rivera**  
Senior Program  
Associate  
*Vital Village  
Network*

# About Vital Village

The Vital Village Network is committed to maximizing child, family, and community wellbeing. Since 2010, Vital Village has fostered partnerships between residents and organizations designed to improve the capacity of three Boston communities to promote child wellbeing and prevent early life adversities.

- Trauma-informed and early life adversity lens
- Local capacity building to support systems alignment and collaboration
- Community co-design and strengths based model



# About NOW

**Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing (NOW)** represents the community-level component of **Project HOPE** (Harnessing Opportunity for Positive, Equitable Early Childhood Development):

- A multi-level and multi-pronged approach to generate real progress toward equitable outcomes for young children (prenatal to age five) and their families
- Aims to build the capacity of local communities, state leaders, cross-sector state teams, and local coalitions to prevent social adversities in early childhood and promote child wellbeing.



# Why NOW?

**Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing (NOW)** is a national initiative to improve the capacity of local communities and coalitions to advance equity.

**The NOW Innovation Forum** is a national network of peer communities working to promote child wellbeing and prevent early childhood adversities.

Launched in 2016, NOW aims to build the capacity of local communities and coalitions working to promote child wellbeing and align early childhood systems of care and education by using a trauma-informed lens to advance equity.



# Building a Culture of Health through the HOPE Consortium

- **Harnessing Opportunity for Positive, Equitable Early Childhood Development (HOPE) Consortium**
- Supported by **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)**

*Focus on:*

- Equitable outcomes for young children (prenatal to age five) and their families
- Building the capacity of local communities, state leaders, cross-sector state teams, and local coalitions to prevent social adversities in early childhood and promote child wellbeing
- Fostering connections across communities and states that have multi-sector coalitions, networks, or initiatives committed to reducing inequities



# Goals of NOW

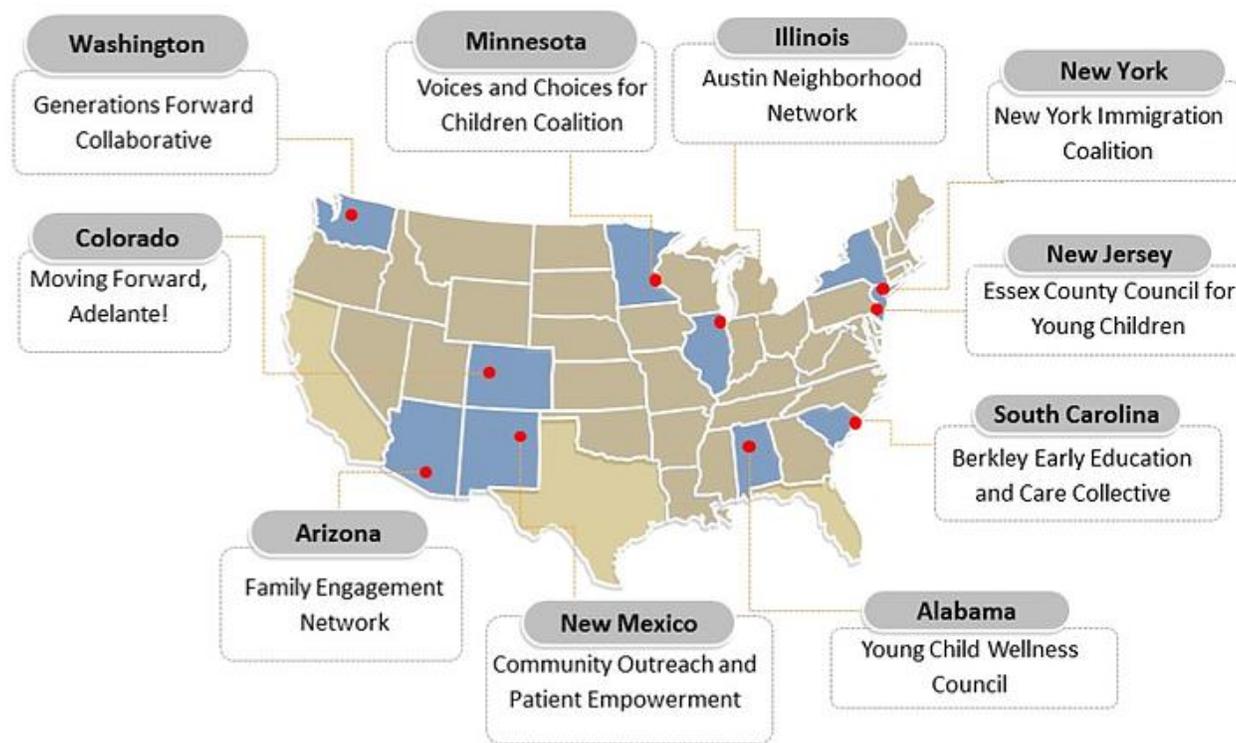
Support communities to build capacity in the following areas:

- Utilize equity and trauma-informed tools and frameworks
- Mobilize community leaders and engage a broad group of stakeholders
- Use data and storytelling tools to tell the story of their work and impact, using both qualitative and quantitative methods
- Build and strengthen their relationships with local and state policy stakeholders
- Develop an action plan to grow and sustain their innovation over time



# NOW Learning Community

Supports **10 selected communities** over 18 months to build essential knowledge, skills, and tools to scale and sustain equitable transformation of early childhood, education, and health systems in their neighborhood, city, or county.



Learn more at: <https://www.networksofopportunity.org/learning-community>

# Key Partners

- National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families
- Children's HealthWatch
- Brazelton Touchpoints Center
- Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere

*HOPE (Harnessing Opportunity for Positive, Equitable Early Childhood Development) Consortium Partners*

- BUILD Initiative
- Nemours



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HOME Why NOW? Community Stories Building Local Capacity Connect to NOW

**Building community capacity to promote child wellbeing and achieve equity.**

*What would it look like if every child, parent, and family had equitable access to critical resources and opportunities needed to lead healthy, thriving lives – and had a seat at the table to drive the solutions?*

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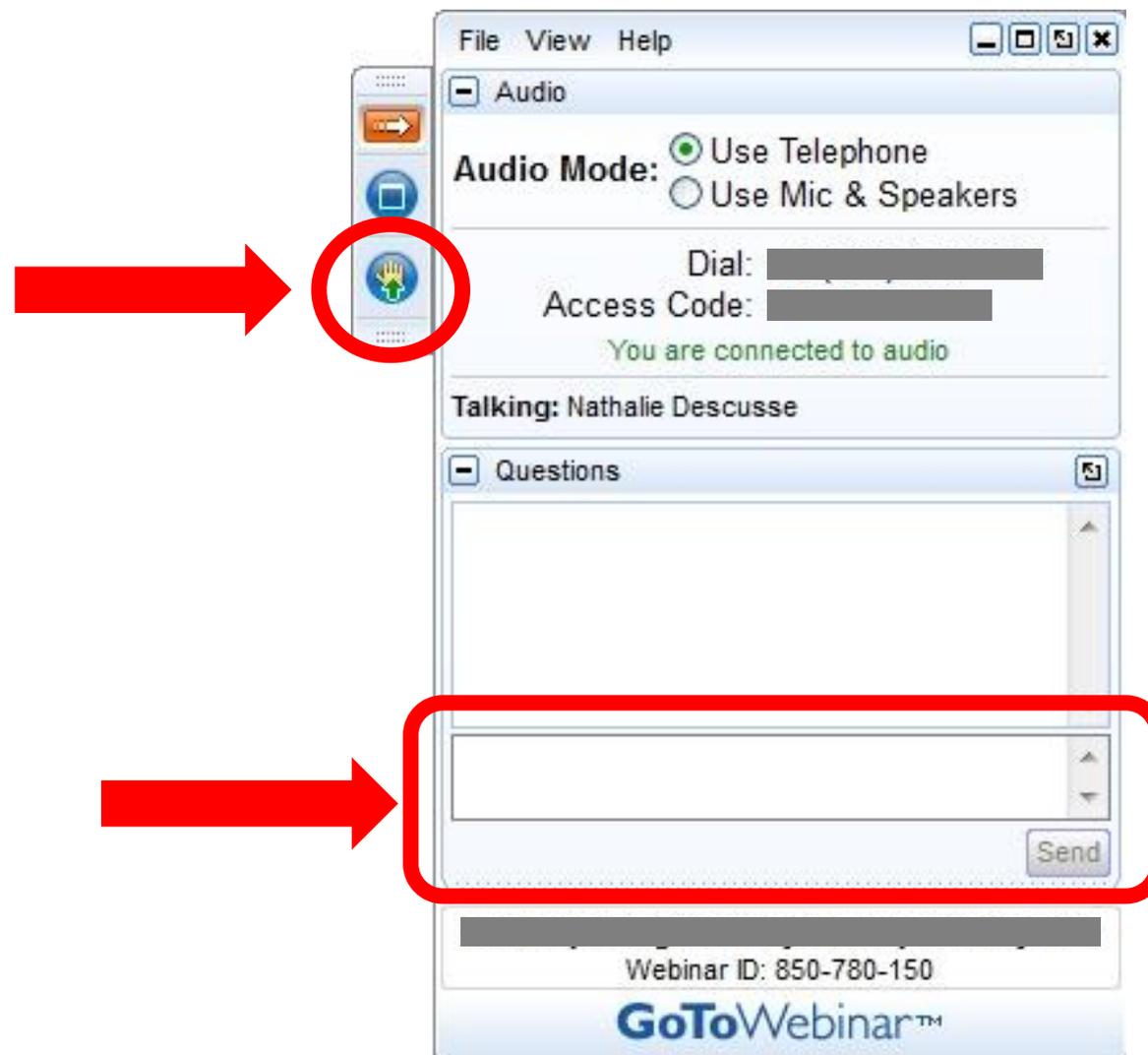


# Q & A

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How to submit your questions:

- Questions box on Dashboard
- Raise Hand feature



# Thank You!

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