

# Participatory Governance Strategies in Early Childhood Education

Thursday, March 30, 2023



2023 NOW Webinar Series Collaborative Action and Coalition Building: Transformative Practices for Healing, Joy, and Equity



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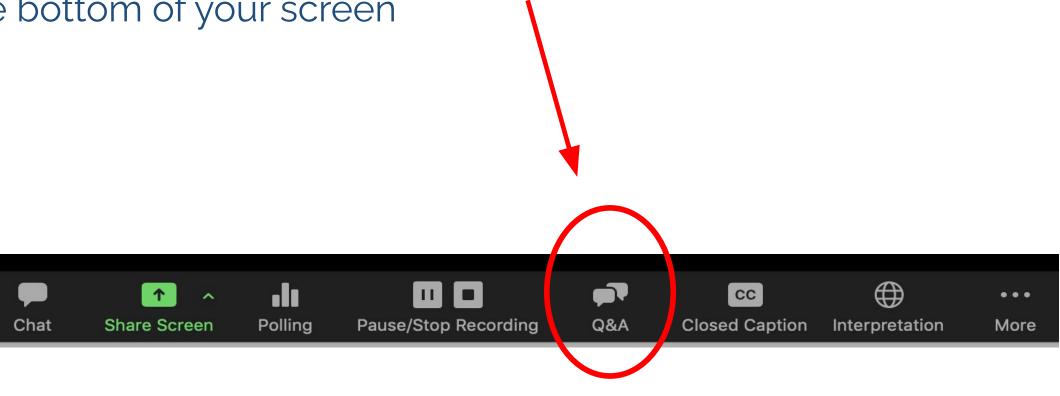
## Housekeeping

- Spanish Language Access
  - Community Language Cooperative (CLC) based in Denver, CO
- Slides and recording will be posted on the NOW Forum (<a href="https://www.networksofopportunity.org/Webinar">https://www.networksofopportunity.org/Webinar</a>)
- Submit questions on dashboard
- Use the chat box for comments



## Q&A

 Submit your questions by clicking on the Q&A icon at the bottom of your screen





### **Session Outline**

- Welcome & Overview
- About Vital Village
- Participatory Governance Strategies in Early Childhood Education
- Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
- Closing

## **About Vital Village Networks**



**Vital Village Networks** is a national collective of diverse change-makers and organizations committed to pioneering sustainable approaches to transforming child, family, and community wellbeing

Networks of Opportunity for Child Wellbeing (NOW) is a national initiative powered by Vital Village Networks

NOW exists to achieve social transformation and racial justice by partnering with individuals, organizations, institutions, and coalitions across the country to build their capacity to equitably share power with communities that have faced ongoing racial oppression and marginalization.



## **Guiding Principles**



**BELONG** - Centered in dignity and equity

**LEARN** – Those closest to the challenge are closest to the solution

**ENGAGE** - Design with, not for, users

TRANSFORM - Identify and frame challenges to address collectively

## NOW Innovation Forum – Sign up to engage with a network of community leaders



¡Ya está en marcha una versión en español de nuestro sitio web! Estamos muy emocionados de practicar la justicia del idioma, mientras tanto, le agradecemos su paciencia. ¡Gracias!

## **Featured Speakers**



Marisa Fear
Associate Director of
Research and Policy,
Strategies for Children



Yolanda Ramos
Consultant,
Together for Kids Coalition



Damaris Alvarado-Rodriguez

Principal CEO,

Children's Playhouse Early

Learning Centers

### **Reflective Action Guide**



#### NOW 2023 Webinar Series

INSTRUCTIONS: Please download this document and take a few minutes to write some initial responses to the following questions What resonated with you most from today's webinar? Which lever of change are you feeling compelled to focus attention on in your work? How are you thinking about children, families, and communities in your work differently? What 2-3 action steps might you take over the next two months to better uplift and honor the dignity of children, families, and community?



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Our Journey and Mission
Healing, Joy & Equity

DAMARIS ALVARADO-RODRIGUEZ (SHE/HER/ELLA)

## The Journey



2003 2014 2017 2022 2023

Opened up my First Childcare Center in South Philadelphia Expanded and Children's Playhouse Whitman 2nd Expansion Children's Playhouse Newbold Latinos Educando Juntos 3rd Expansion Children's Playhouse Fairhill

Community Family Partnerships & Resources	Food Bank	COVID-19 Resources
	Diaper Bank	Immigration Services/Resources
	Work Force Development ECE Teacher Pipeline	Diaper Bank
	Trainings/Workshops	Childcare Subsidy Application and Processing

#### **Creating Impacts and Removing Barriers**

- Language Injustices
- Access to Resources
- Access to Grant Funding
- Higher Education
   Opportunities

- Normalizing Mental Health
- Promoting Self Care
- Professional Development Training
  - Representation

- Increasing Advocacy
- ESL Coursework
- Family Partnership
- Leadership







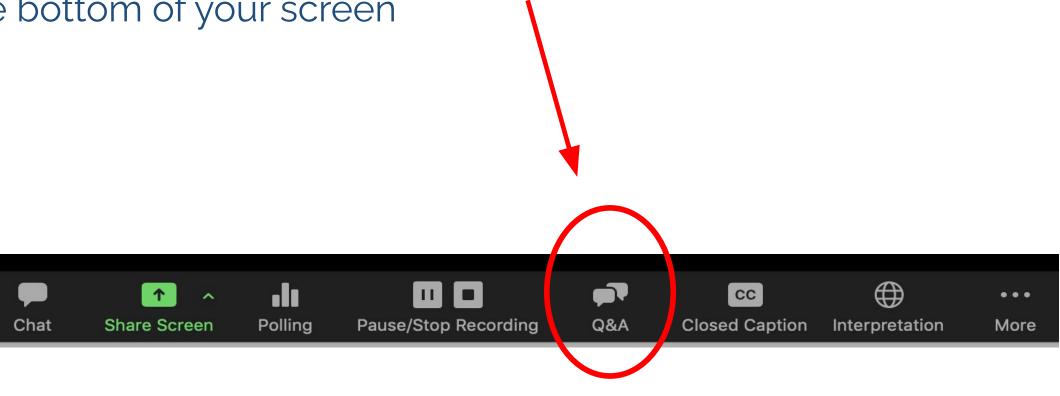




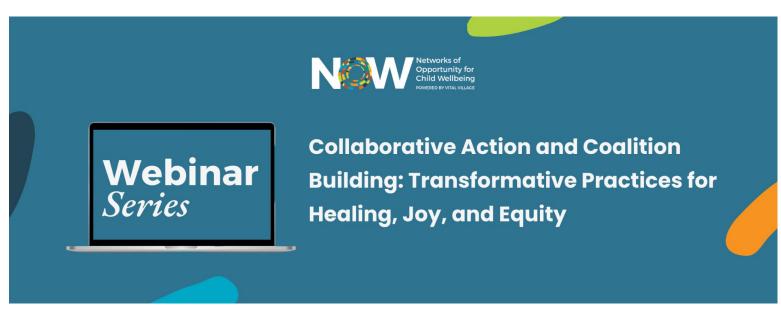
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## **Coming Soon**



#### Save the Date!

The next NOW Webinar session

Healing through Community Building and

Birth Equity Advocacy

May 11, 2023 @ 1pm ET / 10am PT



#### **Launching Soon!**

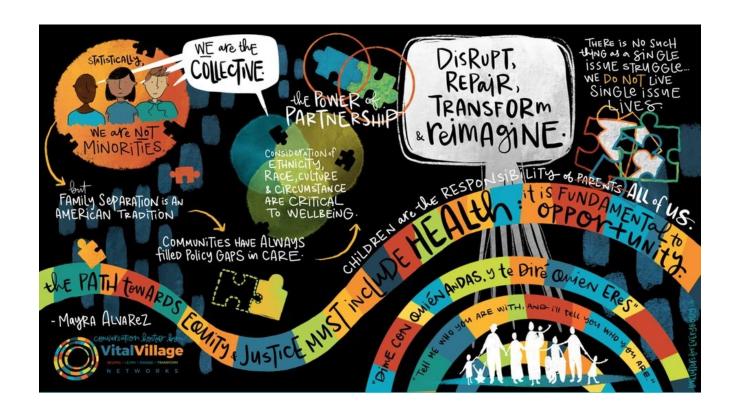
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Season 2

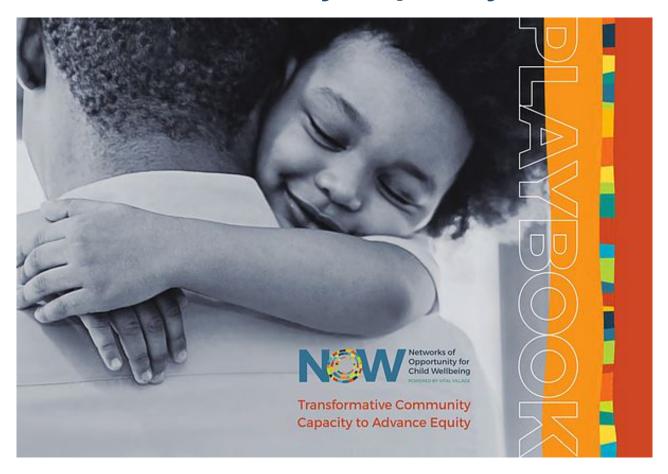
#### Celebrate with us!

# The 10th National Community Leadership Summit

October 2023

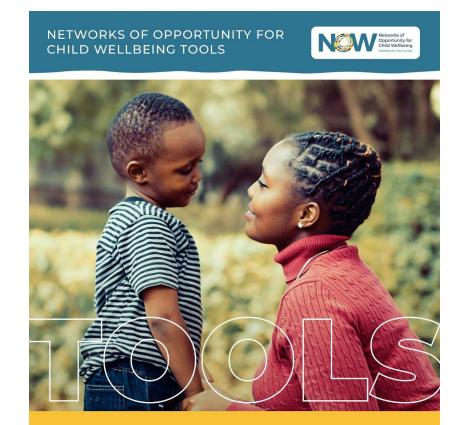


#### NOW Playbook: Transformative Community Capacity to Advance Equity



https://www.networksofopportunity.org/now-playbook

#### A Dignity-Centered Guide to Reflecting on Cooperative Funding Structures



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