

VITAL VILLAGE NETWORK



Mission: Vital Village is a network of residents and agencies committed to maximizing child, family, and community wellbeing.

Vision: To cultivate collective responsibility for all children.

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Since 2010, Vital Village has been fostering partnerships and mobilizing residents, community organizations and institutions to build community capacity to promote child wellbeing.

We activate cross-sector collaborations, encourage collective learning, and deepen social connections within the network to effectively co-design innovative, sustainable, community-driven solutions for system-level change.

Using a trauma-informed lens and a strengths-based approach, our long-term goal is to enhance protective factors that ultimately prevent and mitigate childhood adversities and promote optimal wellbeing for the whole family.

Focus Areas:

**NETWORK
CONVENINGS**

**DATA & RESOURCE
SHARING**

**PEER-TO-PEER
ADVOCACY**

**SOLUTIONS-FINDING
INNOVATIONS**



NETWORK CONVENINGS

Convenings are designed to promote shared learning and collaboration by creating a space that **builds connections, trust, and collective responsibility** for our mission. Convenings are co-designed with network partners to maximize the diverse expertise and wisdom within the network.

Join a convening or co-host with us!

Network Connection Meetings: Held on the 2nd Monday of the month

Vital Village Network Leadership Summit: Held annually in the Fall

PEER-TO-PEER ADVOCACY

Peer-to-peer advocacy creates opportunities for community residents to **amplify their leadership skills**, **mobilize their peers**, and **increase civic engagement** to prevent and address social and material hardships. We utilizes a **service learning and leadership model** (credit for service):



We partner with a robust network of community mentors, organizations, and institutions to support each of our leadership and service pathways.

Join a project!

Breastfeeding Coalition: To support and improve access to breastfeeding, social connections, and professional development for lactation counselors

Certificate in Leadership and Advocacy for Child-Centered Communities: To receive college credit to further develop skills as organizers and advocates

Male Engagement Network (MEN): To support holistic wellbeing of men and their families through engaging local partnerships, knowledge, and lived experience

Social Justice Mediation Program (SJMP): To build conflict resolution skills that can be used in the home, workplace, schools, and other community settings

Village Strategists of Boston (VSB): To build relationships, increase leadership capacity, practice self-care, and promote resiliency to sustain advocacy efforts

Vital Village Community Partnership (VVCP): A group of community residents advocating for healthier and safer neighborhoods for all children and families

DATA & RESOURCE SHARING

Mobilizing community members and cross-sector partnerships to **engage, leverage,** and **share data and resources** that highlight the strengths, bridge the gaps, and improve wellbeing in our neighborhoods.

Contribute a resource!

CONtexts: Text "KIDS" to 8-8-5-8-8 to receive free weekly resources, events, and wellbeing text messages for caregivers or those involved with children ages 0-5

Data Dashboard: Learn and share knowledge using our transparent data platform www.vitalvillage.org/data-dashboard

Data WorkGroups: Mobilize and empower residents to improve and consolidate data through accessible platforms for community solutions and system-level change

Networks of Opportunities (NOW) Forum: Become a member to connect with others working to advance health equity and child wellbeing across the country

www.networksofopportunity.org

Newsletter: Subscribe to receive monthly network announcements, highlights, resources, events, opportunities, and data

SOLUTIONS-FINDING INNOVATIONS

Leveraging cross-sector partnerships to **optimize socio-emotional development** in education, prenatal opportunities, early childhood settings, and beyond.

Inquire about a training!

Supportive Trauma Interventions for Educators (STRIVE): To build capacity and sustainable leadership among teachers within schools and early education to identify, respond to, and support the needs of children who have been impacted by trauma