Engagement Guide

Except for the live sessions, the [posted agenda](#) suggests one way of structuring your conference experience – choose what works best for you and your schedule!

Essential Sessions

- Plenary Sessions
- Large Group and Policy Panels
- State Team/Program Area Meetings

Enrichment Sessions

- TA&D Booths
- Breakout & Poster Sessions
- Technology Demonstrations
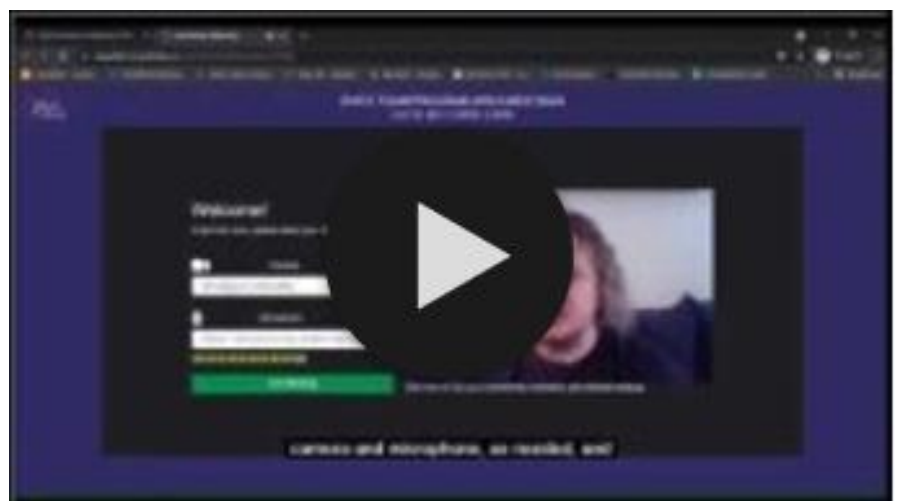- Topical Discussions
- Networking/Office Hours

Essential Sessions are planned by OSEP and deliver information live– prioritize attending these sessions! Recordings will be made available for those who have a conflict.

Enrichment Sessions feature opportunities for grantees to share their work. Pre-recorded sessions can be accessed at any time. Live sessions allow you to network and connect with others!
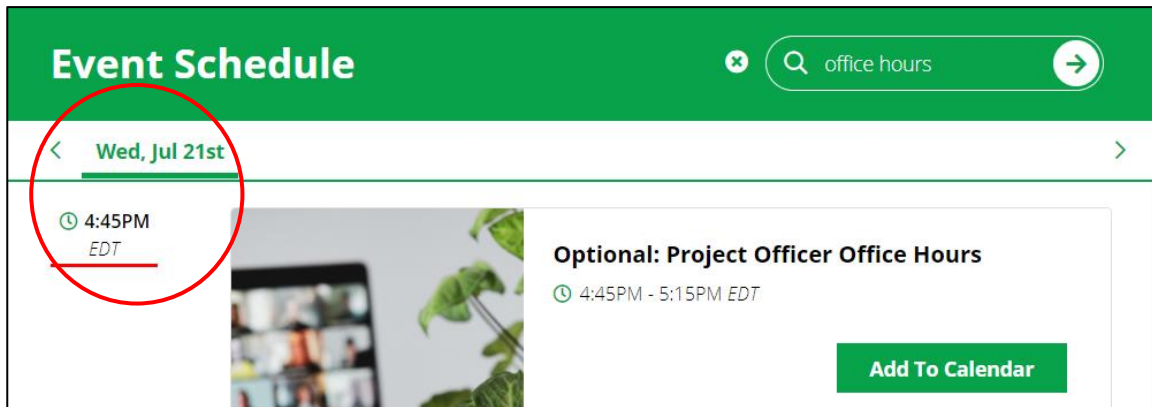
Quick Tips

- Disconnect from VPN
- Use Chrome or Firefox
- Review FAQs in the Tech Support tab
- Add sessions to your calendar through the agenda

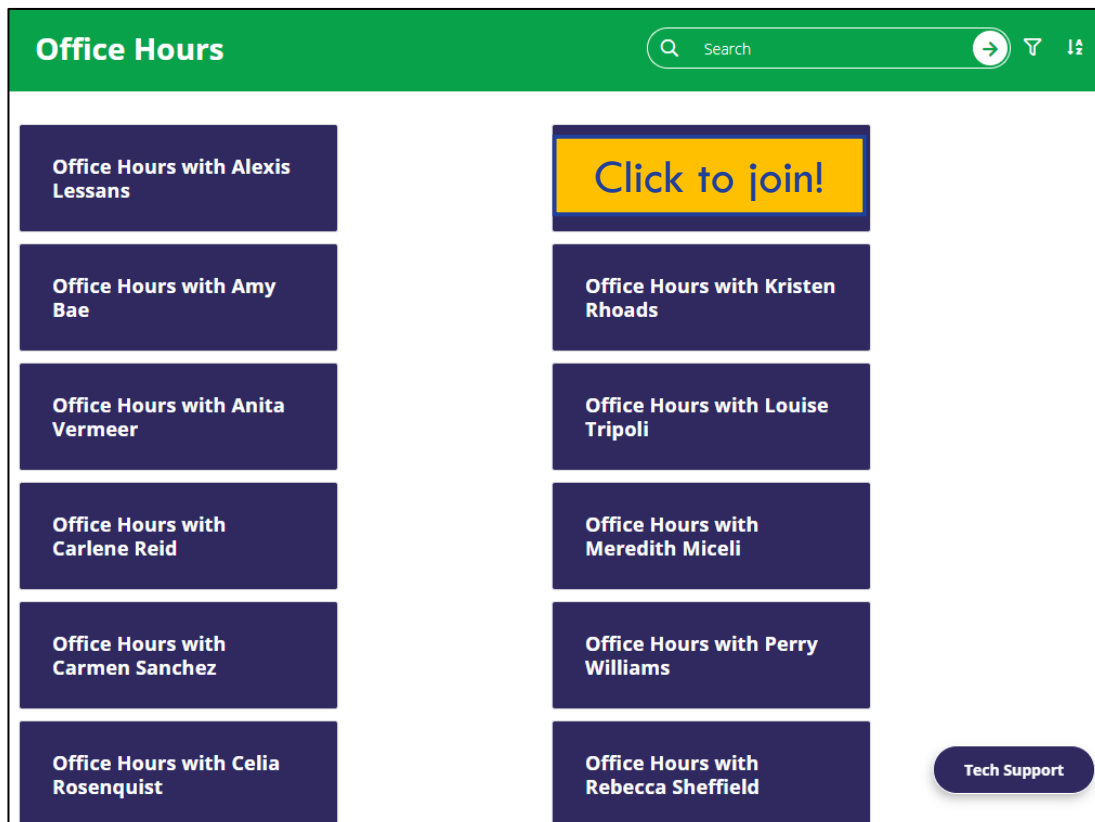**Learn how to navigate the platform!**

Office Hours (Optional)

Event Schedule 🔍 office hours

< **Wed, Jul 21st** >

🕐 4:45PM
EDT

Optional: Project Officer Office Hours
🕐 4:45PM - 5:15PM *EDT*

Add To Calendar

- Discretionary grantees can use this time to meet with project officers and ask questions and talk informally

- Up to 25 participants can join their project officer's meeting at a time

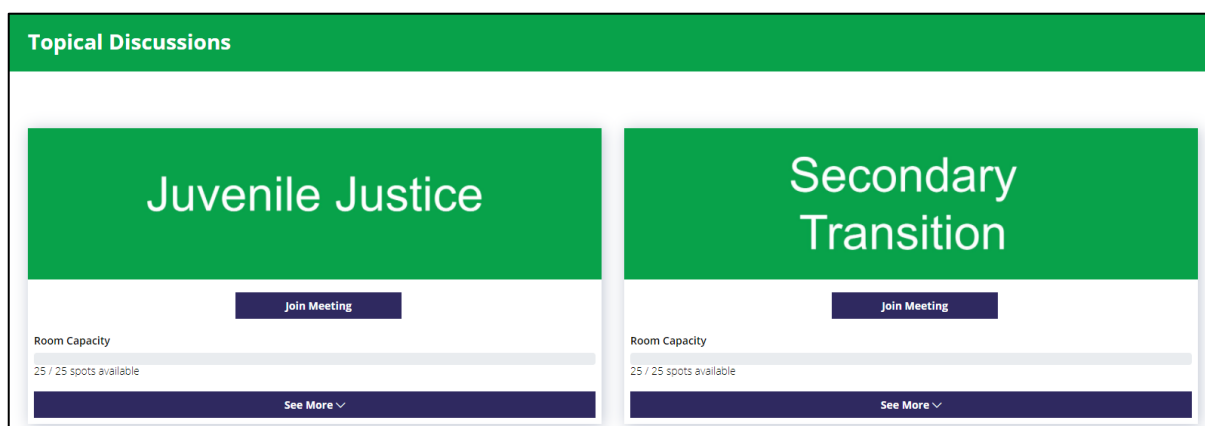- If no spaces are available at first, refresh the page or check back in a few minutes

Office Hours 🔍 Search

Office Hours with Alexis Lessans	**Click to join!**
Office Hours with Amy Bae	**Office Hours with Kristen Rhoads**
Office Hours with Anita Vermeer	**Office Hours with Louise Tripoli**
Office Hours with Carlene Reid	**Office Hours with Meredith Miceli**
Office Hours with Carmen Sanchez	**Office Hours with Perry Williams**
Office Hours with Celia Rosenquist	**Office Hours with Rebecca Sheffield**

Tech Support

IDEAs that Work

Topical Discussions

What to Expect:
- Breakout presenters must log in 15 minutes early to ensure they can join and are on video.
- Similar to in-person roundtable discussions where presenters and attendees come together to discuss topics of interest.
- Facilitators/moderators are not assigned.

In the one-hour session:
- Each topical discussion room can hold up to 25 participants at a time.
- We encourage rotating through several different rooms.
- If the topic you are interested in joining has a full room, check back to see if space opened or refresh your browser.

Topical Discussions

Juvenile Justice	Secondary Transition
Join Meeting	**Join Meeting**
Room Capacity	Room Capacity
25 / 25 spots available	25 / 25 spots available
See More ∨	See More ∨

Discussion Prompts:
- How does this topic impact equity in education?
- How does this topic affect social-emotional or behavioral well-being?
- How does this topic relate to accelerating learning or learning recovery?
- How does this topic support schools and students as they return to in-person learning?

IDEAs that Work

Networking

Informal Networking

- These are networking sessions guided by you.

- Schedule time to collaborate or meet with a presenter whose content interested you.

- Select "Set Networking Availability" on the main menu and choose the times you are available.

- Request to connect with other attendees through their profiles in the "Attendee Directory."

- You will receive an email notification if someone wants to schedule a time to connect.

Speed Networking

- A good way to meet many new colleagues – this is a structured activity guided by the platform.

- You will be placed in a virtual meeting room with up to 10 other people selected at random.

- You will have 15 minutes to make quick connections with your group before being rotated to a new room.

- The session will last 1 hour and include 4 rotations total.

- Monday, July 19 and Thursday, July 22; 3:00 – 4:00 PM EDT

Guiding Prompts for Networking

Feel free to use any of these questions as a jumping off point for conversation!

- Did you always want to work in this field? If you could pursue another career, what would it be?
- How did you join this industry? What drew you to this industry?
- What's the biggest obstacle you've faced in your career so far? Biggest win?
- What's the best part of your job?
- What projects are you working on now?
- Any words of advice for colleagues just starting out in this area?
- Which speakers have been most enjoyable so far?
- Are you presenting on any sessions?
- Have you discovered any hobbies or new interests during COVID-19?