

# Professional Development

## Leveraging the Expertise of ESAs for the Implementation of MTSS

**When: October 11–12, 2023 | 9–3:30 pm PDT**

This two-day interactive conference is designed for and will clarify how Educational Staff Associates (ESAs) are uniquely skilled to be effective contributors to Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). We will explore practical strategies for implementation in our school communities. Participants will have the opportunity to network in discipline-specific groups and to experience collaboration within a multi-disciplinary group of practitioners.

**PSESD Conference Center, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA 98507**

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## Graduation Equity Webinar on Restorative Practices

**When: October 11 | 10–11:30 am PDT**

Restorative practices offer opportunities for transformational positive school climate and alternatives to traditional disciplinary action. Individuals within a community are most capable of sustaining change when they feel engaged and can develop a sense of belonging. Restorative practices which focus on resolving conflict, repairing harm, and healing relationships through a foundation of integrated and preventative social emotional strategies, have been shown to prevent bullying and reduce disciplinary incidents in school. The webinar is presented by Briana Kelly, the OSPI Assistant Director of Restorative Practices and Student Discipline, and features Dr. Lori Lynass, the Executive Director of Sound Supports, who will share advice with school staff about implementing restorative practices. She will be joined by our practitioner panel from the Franklin Pierce School District to talk about their experiences as restorative justice facilitators.

### Presenters

- [Dr. Lori Lynass](#), Executive Director, Sound Supports
- [Briana Kelly](#), Assistant Director of Restorative Practices & Student Discipline, OSPI
- [Meghan Fagerberg Gonzalez](#), Teacher & Restorative Justice Facilitator, Franklin Pierce School District
- [Junior \(Rene\) Alvarez](#), Teacher & Restorative Justice Facilitator, Franklin Pierce School District



## Objectives

- Understand foundational elements within the continuum of Restorative Practices.
- Hear examples of strategies, resources, and supports that can help meet the needs of your unique school community.

Identify opportunities to implement and/or improve preventative and responsive restorative strategies within your current tiered systems of support.

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## Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network Webinars

- International Ties: Disaster Behavioral Health with a Global Lens
  - **Wednesday, October 11 | 10–11:30 am PDT**
  - Dr. Kira Mauseth will explore the global experience of behavioral health priorities during large-scale disasters or critical incidents including impact, rescue, and disillusionment phases based on examples from response work all over the world and in the US. We will address considerations for personal and professional preparedness, and must-haves for effective and efficient recovery practices at home and at work, and how disaster behavioral health differs from traditional clinical work here and abroad. We will also address cultural commonalities as well as distinctions that make this area of work very relevant as we observe World Mental Health Day this month.
  - [Register Here](#)
- Healthy Teams: Dynamics and Tactics for Successful Working Groups
  - **Monday, October 30 | 2:30–4 pm PDT**
  - Dr. Kira Mauseth will address the strategies, dynamics and tactics related to being part of a healthy team. Group dynamics are complicated- even more so these days with a highly polarized social and political world. How can team members work well together when it comes to effective communication, productivity, and effectiveness in the workplace, without doing 'more'? We will cover data on effective work groups, and how those characteristics can be replicated in many sectors, even under high-stress conditions.
  - [Register Here](#)

## MTSS Community of Practice -Team Driven Shared Leadership

**Friday, October 20 |10–11:30 am PDT - Virtual**

Please join us for a second Community of Practice (CoP) on the topic of Team-Driven Shared Leadership. This session will work through the importance of teaming within an MTSS framework and how it relates to implementation and effectiveness. The first part of our session will explore the structures of teaming including strategies for forming effective teams as well as

essential teaming structural components, such as vision, goals, team roles, and communication protocols.

During the second portion we are excited to be joined by Johnny Phu, Lake Washington School District's Director of Student Services. Johnny will be sharing the teaming journey of one of his team in the district. Beginning with Johnny and LWSD our intention is to share MTSS components highlighted in context and practice across the state. If you are eager to begin your learning before this session, look at our interview of national and regional experts on [Team-Driven Shared Leadership](#).

### **[Register Here](#)**

This is our second of seven sessions planned this school year. Thank you to everyone who attended our first session, MTSS 101. We hope to see you again. While we would love to see you all at every CoP, attendance at any prior session is not required for subsequent ones. Additionally, these sessions are increasing in demand. If you find that you might not be able to make it, kindly remove yourself from the pdEnroller registration to open your seat for someone on any potential waitlist.