**Building Our Community and Network Engagement**

OSEP has described their vision for a National Deaf-Blind TA Network. Over the last few years, all of us, state projects and NCDB, have created more opportunities for collaboration, including a collective approach to national technical assistance (TA) initiatives and network developed national modules. But what does a network of state and national TA projects come together to accomplish and how do we operationalize working together more effectively? What exactly are we talking about when we talk about a national approach to TA, a national network, collaboration, and network engagement?

This session is for anyone interested in exploring ideas, asking questions, reflecting on our work and shaping a plan to build the network that we want. During this session we will:

* Recognize the structure, products and behaviors that we have in place and that characterize our collaborative work (Network assets)
* Look at those assets and understand their role in helping us to recognize what is important in making our community more effective and efficient (Change)
* Explore a framework that helps in building shared language and concepts for operationalizing an engaged, active and collaborative national TA network (Communities of Practice)
* Create an action plan that frames our efforts in the direction of deeper, aligned collaboration, national outcomes, sustainability and improved systems of support for children.