



SPDG Social, Meet-ups, & Program Area Meeting
OSEP Conference 2026
August 4–5, 2026

All SPDG Events Presented Here in Chronological Order

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

7:00–8:00 AM – SPDG Evaluators

Location: Alexandria

Planning session for the Evaluators' Workgroup.

7:00–8:00 AM – New SPDG Grantee Meetup

Location: McLean

An opportunity for new SPDG participants to connect, share challenges, and exchange ideas.

2:30–3:30 PM – SPDG Program Area Meeting

Location: Grand Ballroom F-J

Strategy Sandbox: Solving Real-World Implementation Challenges



What happens when evidence-based practices meet real district, school, and early childhood program contexts?

In these interactive Implementation Design Labs, *you* take the lead. Join colleagues from SEAs, LAs, universities, and the Parent Program for a fast-paced, 60-minute case-study lab.

You'll analyze a complex implementation challenge, debate contextual factors, and choose the most effective first step from three strategic options.

This is an active, collaborative session—no passive listening, just high-energy problem-solving and cross-sector insight sharing.

6:00–8:00 PM – SPDG Night at Bowlero (320 S. 23rd St., Crystal City; *within walking distance*)



A social gathering for SPDG projects, partners, and friends.

Lucky Strike/Bowlero has food and drinks available. You can grab a lane or just catch up with folks. All are welcome!

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00–9:00 AM – GrantWISE Meet-up

Location: Alexandria

Discussion session among SPDGs on internal processes, contracting, and ensuring timely spending.

8:00–9:00 AM – SPDG Sustainability Conversations

Location: McLean

Small-group discussions focused on strategies to sustain programs at all stages of grant implementation.

Post-Event Survey

Please be sure to complete our **Post-Event Survey**—your feedback helps us improve future SPDG events!