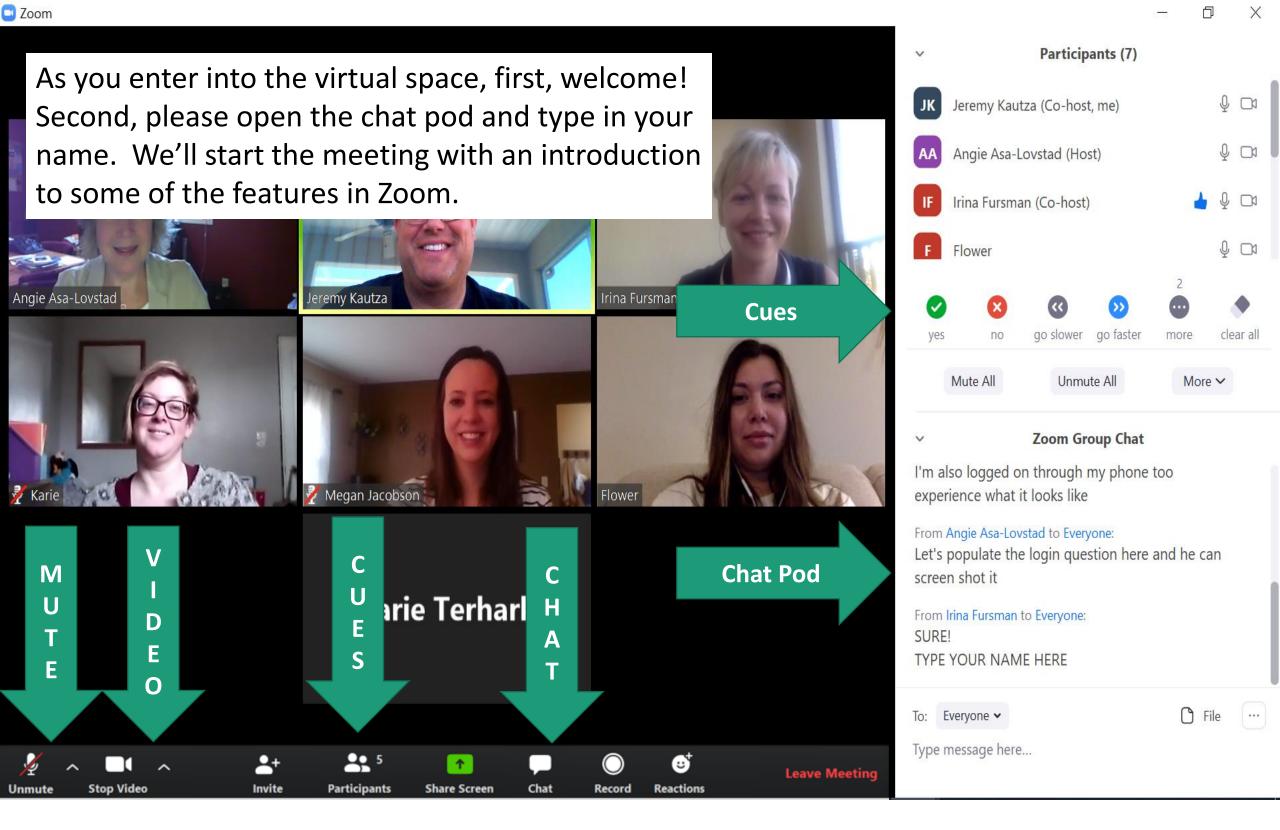


# Hosting Virtual Conversations

**DEC Alliance Academy** 

Today's training is sponsored by the Midwest PTTC





# Introductions & Expectations

- Name
- What you do
- In the CHAT BOX, type something you're hoping to take away from the DEC Academy



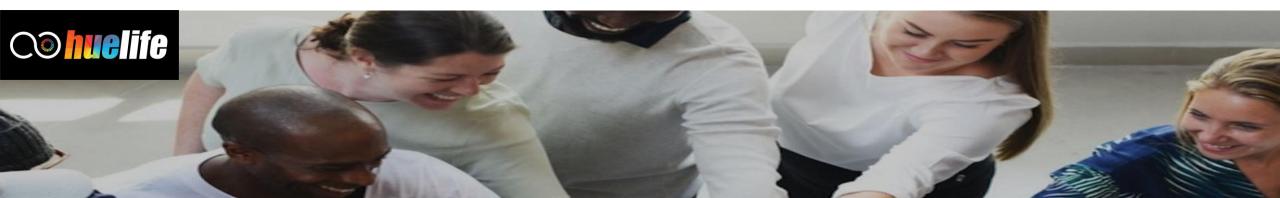
## **Agenda**

#### **Hosting Virtual Meetings**

20 minutes	Introductions & Expectations	
10 minutes	Zoom Overview & Virtual Meeting Etiquette	
10 minutes	es Small Group Opening Conversation	
15 minutes	inutes Focused Conversation (ORID) Method Overview	
20 minutes	Designing an Engaging Conversation	
10 minutes	nutes Questions & Applications	
5 minutes	Closing & Evaluation	



- Build understanding of how to create conversations that evoke a shared understanding
- Develop conversations that can be held virtually launch DEC Alliance
- Build confidence in leading these conversations in a virtual platform.



#### **Agreements for an Effective Meeting Space**



Remain on-camera at all times (except breaks).



 Remain available-to-be-on-mic. You can mute while others are speaking/presenting, but be ready to participate.



 Avoid distractions: turn other devices to airplane mode and minimize open windows on your computer.



Feel free to raise your hand - on camera or using nonverbal tools in Zoom.



Use the phrase "I'm complete..." to indicate when you are done speaking.



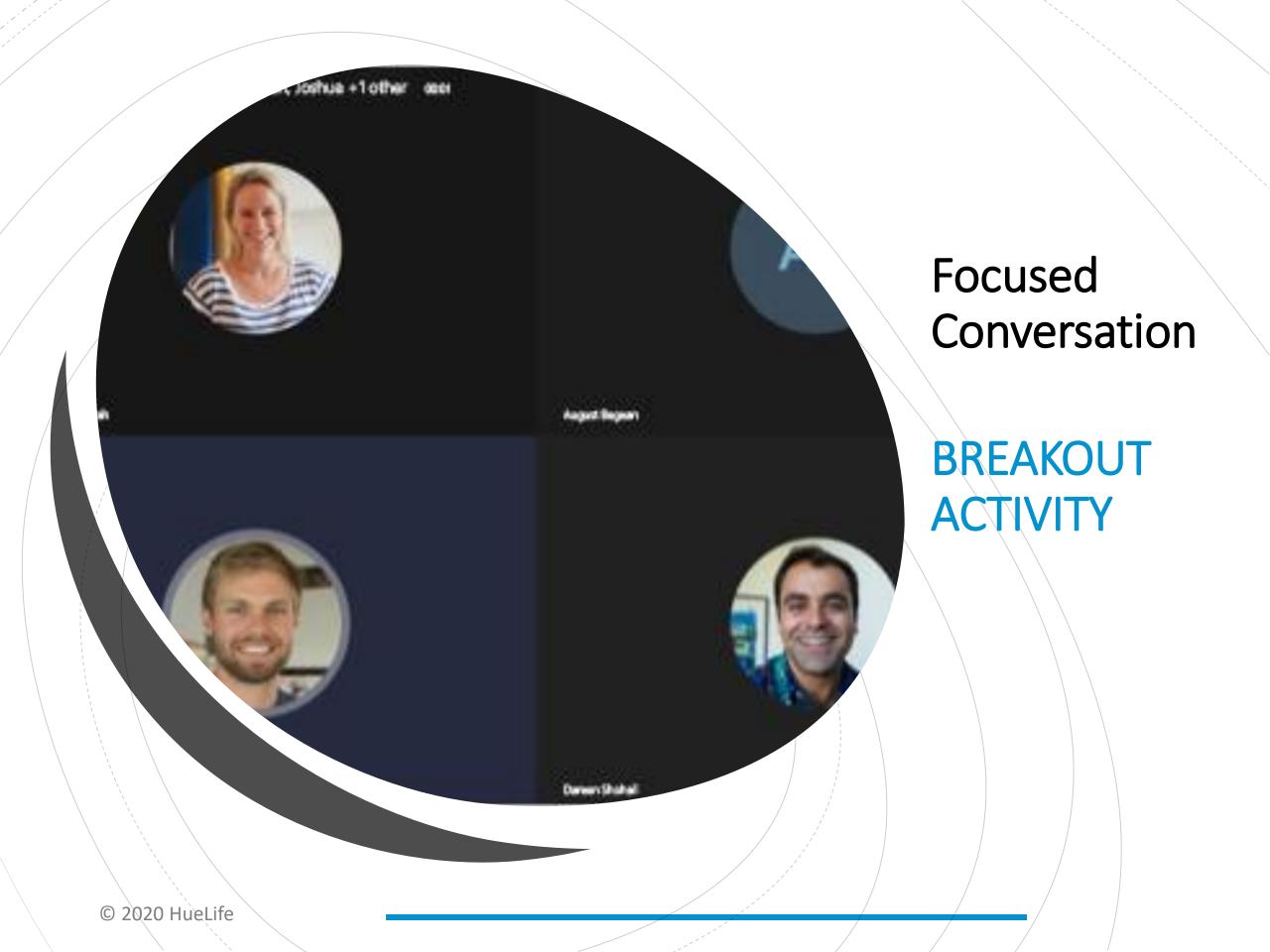
 Be mindful of your "airtime." We will occasionally call on people to ensure your voice is heard or create breathing room in the discussion. Consider this an invitation, not an obligation!



 Grab a squeeze ball or fidget toy to keep your hands occupied and avoid the urge to Always Be Clicking!



Have grace with yourself and others. We're all figuring this out together!
 How do you want to show up today? What's one intention you'd like to set for yourself?



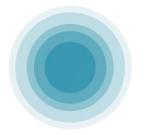
### The Focused Conversation Method a.k.a. ORID

The Focused Conversation Method uses our natural thinking process in a more intentional way.

### The natural thinking process is:

**OBSERVE** 

(senses)



REACT

(gut)



**→ INTERPRET** 

(heads)



**DECIDE** 

(react)



# The Focused Conversation Method a.k.a. ORID

Facilitated skillful questioning creates an environment for meaningful collective thinking in a limited time frame.

## Facilitators guide the questioning process:

Objective Level
Questions
What?



Reflective Level
Questions
Gut?



Interpretive Level
Questions
So what?



Decisional Level
Questions

Now what?



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## **Flow of Questions**

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Everyone works with the same body of information

**OBJECTIVE** 



Reveals initial responses, emotional tones, memories

**REFLECTIVE** 



Makes conversation relevant for the future action we take together



Draws out significance and purpose, considers options and alternatives, generates ideas

**DECISIONAL** 

**INTERPRETIVE** 

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## **Designing Conversations**

#### **RATIONAL AIM:**

#### Answers the questions:

- •Why are we having this conversation?
- •What do we want the participants to know, understand or decide?

#### **EXPERIENTIAL AIM:**

#### Answers the questions:

- •What would be an impact of this conversation on us individually and as a group?
- •What do we want the participants to experience, how will they change?

# **Focused Conversation WORKSHEET**

T	opic:	Starting a DEC Alliance		
Rat	tional Aim:		Experiential Aim:	
	To share expectations and the value of starting a DEC Alliance		To feel empowered, inspired, and supported in leading this effort	
Ор	ening:			
0	Objective: What	What's one word or image that comes to mind when you hear Drug Endangered Children? (go-around) What has caught your attention in your community?		
R	Reflective: Gut	What has shocked you? What brings you hope?		
I	Interpretive: So what	What's the importance of having a DEC Alliance? How do you see DEC impacting communities and families? What are the implications if we do nothing?		
D	Decisional: Now what	What are you committed to doing?		
Clo	sing:			



# DESIGNING OUR CONVERSATION

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# Questions

## About Hue.Life



HueLife facilitates engagement, innovation and transformational change for organizations with goals and challenges related to *Human Understanding* and *Engagement* (that's what "hue" stands for).

We help clients achieve their fullest potential by helping them strengthen results-oriented collaboration, self-awareness, engagement and communications. HueLife is proud to feature the ToP Methods as part of its service portfolio. The ToP, or Technology of Participation methods, are founded on the core belief that the wisdom, creativity, and energy of a group is greater than any individual. As such, the methods demand full participation, diversity of thought, honor, and respect.

One of the biggest benefits of ToP is that the methods elicit diverse ideas while minimizing conflict, and they help groups comprised of all different types of people work through a lot of information in a short amount of time.

## Our Core Values



INTEGRITY

**RELATIONSHIPS** 

Be worthy of trust. Take responsibility. Keep principles and values present.

Build strong ties. Develop and

maintain caring support systems.



**COURAGE** 

Be open. Take smart risks. Be a change agent.





Inc. Magazine

referring to the ToP® focused conversation method

A terrific process for guiding conversations and sharing information that culminates into action."