



Whether you are preparing for back to school, or already in the thick of it, it's that time of year again! Here at the Academy for SEL in Schools we are fortunate to have national and international representation. This leads to rich conversations in the virtual classroom and relationships that span beyond one's local community. That being said, with members all over the U.S., and even the globe, we know going back to school looks different across the Academy. We are keeping these differences in mind as we share resources in the coming months.

This week, we are sharing resources from Overcoming Obstacles and Boys Town that we hope you will find helpful, whether you are meeting with students in-person, hybrid, or completely online! We are also sharing links to upcoming webinars from CASEL as part of the CASEL Cares Initiative. This week's topic is Emotional Intelligence (EI) in the workplace; a great topic to share with those interested in EI and not necessarily in the field of education!



Overcoming Obstacles is a free, award-winning, and research-based curriculum that provides educators with the tools to teach elementary, middle, and high school students life skills. Two recently updated high school lessons - "Looking for a Job" and "Managing Your Finances" - may be of particular interest to those of you struggling to find good, quality high school resources!

Simply create an account at: <https://www.overcomingobstacles.org/> to download everything from entire curricula to individual modules and activity sheets!



Boys Town Back-to-School Resource Guide is [Here!](#)

Whether you will be heading back to the classroom, or continuing with e-learning there are resources & tools in this guide to help integrate social skills into your lesson plans this semester.

This is a great resource to share with parents as well!

#### Help wanted!

Our Virtual Professional Learning Community (VPLC) is still looking for new topics and areas of interest. If you could send us an issue, topic, or question for which you would most like consultation/support we would greatly appreciate it!

Emails can be sent to: [SELvplc@gmail.com](mailto:SELvplc@gmail.com)

OR

Complete this [Google Form](#)

Not sure what to send? Use the following prompts/questions as a guide.

- The name of your favorite SEL/SECD-related web site we should make sure our VPLC knows about.
- The name of your favorite SEL/SECD book or article we should be sure our VPLC reads.
- The biggest challenge you have found in building SEL/SECD/School culture while working in a remote environment?

### Upcoming Events

**Let's Get to Work: Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace**

Fri, Sep 11, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2759187455715315723?source=web>

**Building Equitable Learning Environments in Crisis Mode**

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4276493710837036043?source=web>

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