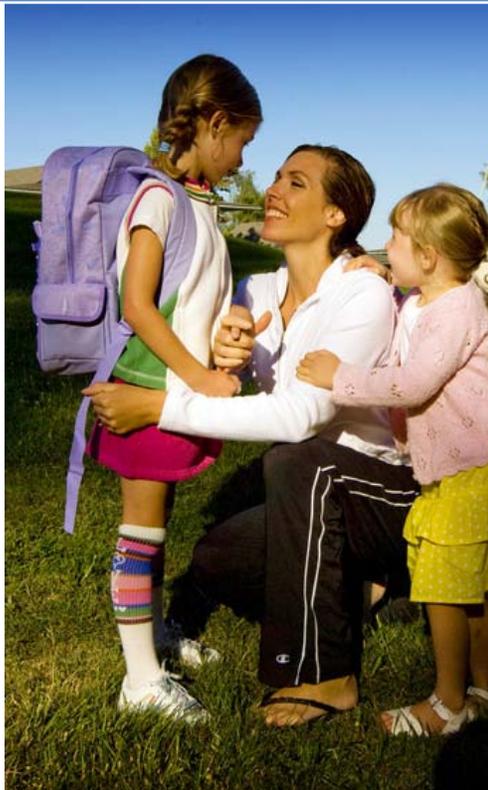


Office of the Education Ombudsman

What Every Parent Needs To Know

Workshops that help parents and families understand the
public education system



Workshops in
English and Spanish

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The Office of the Education Ombudsman

The Office of the Education Ombudsman (OEO) offers classes for parents, legal guardians, foster parents, family members and other adults caring for students in Washington public schools. These interactive classes are specially designed to provide participants with practical tools and strategies to partner with schools and achieve better outcomes for students.

Classes are taught by Education Ombudsmen who have many years of experience as teachers, counselors, administrators, and attorneys in Washington public schools. Education Ombudsmen work daily with parents, educators and school administrators across the state to resolve conflict and problems affecting students.

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Workshops Descriptions

- **Understanding and Navigating the Public School System**
If you are missing basic information about the Washington public education system this workshop is for you! Learn how the public education system works and become a better advocate for your student and all students. This class will explain how school districts are structured, how state laws, federal laws, school district policy affects public education and the rights and responsibilities of students in public schools.
3 hours - \$600.00 Maximum 40 participants. This workshop also available in Spanish.
- **Communicating with Your Child's School**
Have you ever wished you knew how to communicate better with your child's teacher? Or maybe you had a problem with the school and had no idea how to solve it? This workshop will teach you the best way to inform the school about your student's needs, how to get around disagreements with school officials, how to bring up issues so that you are heard, and how to prepare yourself for productive meetings at school.
3 hours - \$600.00 Maximum 40 participants. This workshop also available in Spanish.
- **Becoming a Partner in your Child's Education**
School-family partnerships contribute to the academic achievement of all students. In this fun session you will become more aware of why you need to form equal and active partnerships with educators, and how to do it. Participants will also learn about the different types of family involvement and find out how family involvement, focused on academic achievement, helps children stay out of trouble, get better grades, and graduate.
3 hours - \$600.00 Maximum 40 participants. This workshop also available in Spanish.

- **Making Special Education Work for You**

Ever wonder why you feel overwhelmed by your child's IEP meeting? Do you need more information about why evaluation is important and how to better participate in the development of your child's IEP? This workshop will teach you strategies for ensuring your child is fully participating in the school environment, getting the specially designed instruction they need, and give you a better understanding of the process for developing an IEP.

3 hours - \$600 Maximum 40 participants.

Parent Involvement Institutes

Parent Involvement Institutes are one-day or two-day conferences for parents. Each 8-hour day includes a choice of workshop topics listed above. They can be hosted by a school district, ESD or a community organization.

1- day Institute – 8 hours - \$1,600 Up to 100 participants.

2- day Institute – 16 hours - \$3,200 Up to 100 participants.

To schedule Workshops and Institutes

Class fees include materials, preparation time, and travel within 60 miles of Seattle. There are extra costs for trainers' travel and lodging outside this area.

To schedule classes or for more information contact Cathy Liu Scott at cathyliu.scott@gov.wa.gov or at 206-729-3211.

Instructors

Workshops are taught by Education Ombudsmen who have a wealth of experience as K-12 education, education law, conflict resolution, cross-cultural communication and family involvement in education.

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Is an agency within the Governor's Office that resolves disputes and conflict between parents and schools and promotes school-family partnerships across the state. To learn more about OEO visit www.waparentslearn.org or call 1-866-297-2597.