

Stacy Gillett

Stacy Gillett is an Education Ombudsman with the Office of the Education Ombudsman. She is a Special Education teacher by training who has worked for the past 21 years educating and assisting families who have children with special needs. Ms. Gillett specializes in helping families and educators understand the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and student civil rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. She previously worked at the Disability Law Center of Alaska for 8 years, managing a statewide education advocacy caseload.

She has served on a variety of nonprofit boards and committees to address the needs of individuals with disabilities in educational and community settings. She is well known in our state for her legislative advocacy in the areas of special education and developmental disabilities, including “Kevin’s Law,” and ensuring funding for supported employment, self-advocacy programs and parent-to-parent resources.

She is a presenter on a wide variety of special education topics for parent groups, teachers, and other education professionals and has been a guest speaker at WSTLA Teachers Law Conference, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle University Law School classes, and university teacher training courses. She co-authored “A Legal Guide for Families and Educators” found on the OSPI website, and has contributed to numerous articles for state and national conferences, public information brochures, newsletters, and manuals.