Adie Simmons
Director of the Office of the Education Ombudsman

Adie Simmons, M.Ed. is the founding Director of the Office of the Education Ombudsman (OEO). The OEO, a statewide agency created by the legislature in 2006, resolves complaints and disputes between parents and public school officials that impact student academic achievement.

OEO makes public policy recommendations to elected officials and promotes family involvement in education. The most frequent complaints that OEO receives are related to student discipline, bullying/harassment, special education and family involvement in schools. To date, the agency has resolved over 3,500 complaints from around the State. OEO is the only agency of its kind in the nation.

Mrs. Simmons is a long-time educator who has devoted her career to the education and wellbeing of children and families. Her work in education began as a pre-school teacher while attending college and continued as she went on to teach English as a Second Language in Costa Rica and teach Spanish as a foreign language in the U.S. She later worked as Elementary Program Director for Mothers Against Violence in America, as Program Manager for Seattle Children’s Hospital and school district program administrator for Shoreline and Seattle Public Schools.

She has authored and contributed to numerous articles and publications on topics related to family involvement in schools, is a recognized trainer and public speaker, and a long time community volunteer. She has served in numerous boards and decision-making committees at local and state levels and has won many awards including 4 Golden Acorn awards from the Washington State PTA and the 1997 Governor’s Washington State Excellence in Education Award.