

Dispute Resolution Updates

Welcome Lynda & Kathryn

Please welcome our new special education complaint investigators Dr. Lynda Mills and Ms. Kathryn Mayer.

Dr. Lynda Mills is a new resident of Washington. She has served the field of special education for 32 years in both Colorado and Arizona and has experience in multiple roles in public, private, and non-profit settings including teacher, coordinator, assistant director, director, and state complaint investigator. Her favorite and most recent role is that of "Grandma", which is what brought her to Washington as an AZ retiree. Lynda is excited to be a part of the OSPI Dispute Resolution team and eager to be of support to the special education field here in Washington state.

Kathryn Mayer formerly served as a Complaint Investigator on the Special Education Dispute Resolution team from November 2018 to December 2021. She is rejoining our Dispute Resolution team after having relocated to Hawaii in 2021 to work with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii on developing trainings for pro bono attorneys. Most recently, Kathryn worked as a Staff Attorney with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Kathryn received her J.D. and Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Ohio State University.

