

# Telling New Stories about Disability

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# What is OEO?

The Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) is an agency within the Governor's Office that was created in 2006 by the Washington State Legislature to **address barriers to student achievement and reduce the opportunity gap in K-12 public education.**



# Exercise: What is our relationship to disability? (10 minutes)

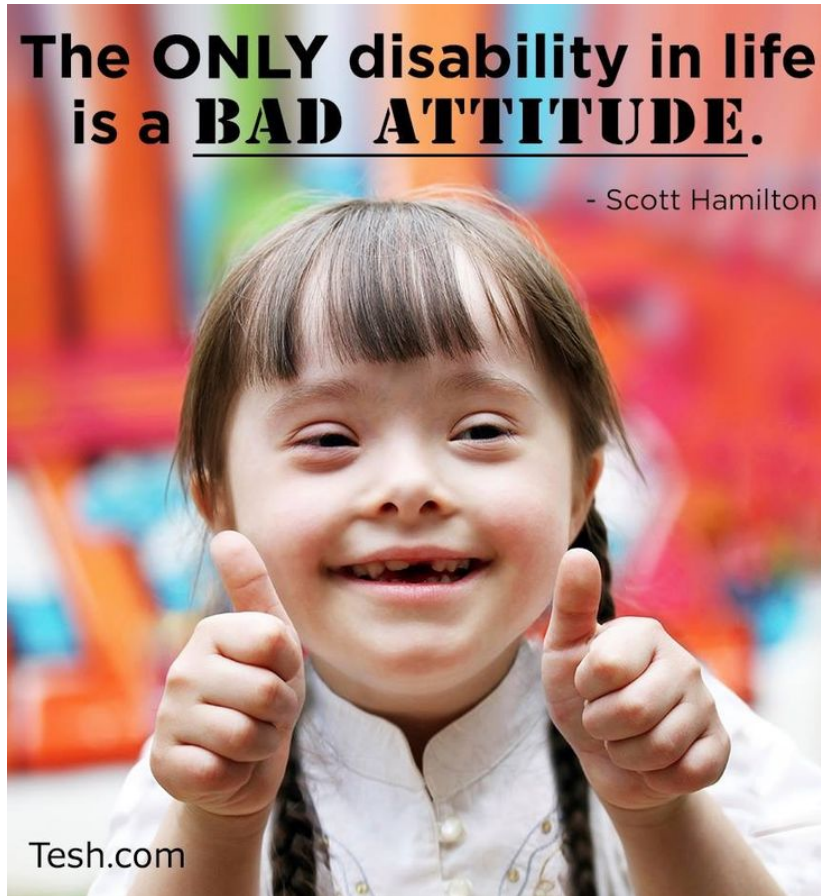
- Handout: personal assessment (4 minutes)
- Share with a partner for 4 minutes (2 minutes each)
- One group's takeaway to share: How did you think about disability a little differently? (2 minutes)

# What Does Disability Bias Look Like?





# What Can It Also Look Like?



# Two Different Ways to Think About Disability

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## Medical Model



- Kinds of Problems:
- Medical
  - Physical
  - Mental
  - Sensory
  - Social and Psychological

Disclaimer: Attorney, not Artist

## Social Model (Civil Rights)



Environment / Organization  
Beliefs, Biases, Attitudes  
Impact of Discrimination  
Involvement with Design of Policies  
& Practices



# Systemic Disability Bias in WA Schools



Black and white image of mid-century School for Spastic Children (Seattle)

- One out of five people have disabilities
- In WA:
- HS Graduation rate: 59% (35% drop-out rate for students w/learning disabilities)
  - Bachelor's degree or more: 19.3% vs. 37.5% non-disabled people
  - 56.6% of working-aged people with disabilities in WA State not in workforce
  - 19.5% of people w/disabilities have incomes below 100% of poverty level and 43% below 200% of poverty (compare non-disabled rates: 10% and 23%)

# How Can Student Voice Tackle Bias?





# Collaboration: Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds and Rooted in Rights

## [Student Voice Videos](#)

- [Angelina](#), Ferndale School District
- [Warren](#), Quincy School District

Let's discuss 1-2 questions from the discussion guide

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# Join the Conversation for Inclusive Communities

Want more ideas? Resources at:

<https://oeo.wa.gov/education-issues-topics/one-out-of-five-disability-history-and-pride-project/>

And reach out to us:  
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