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It's Only FAIR For Everyone!

Freedom
It's only fair for everyone to have FREEDOM to make decisions in their own lives.

Access
It's only fair for everyone to have equal ACCESS to full and satisfying lives.

Independence
It's only fair for everyone to have INDEPENDENCE to choose a life that they want with people who value them.

Respect
It's only fair for everyone to be treated with RESPECT as individuals.

It is only fair that all people have the chance to live the fullest possible life in the community.

Priorities of SAIL

Respectful Language in Washington State
Respectful Language has been something that SAIL has been committed to for many years. The new bill refers to all of the places where “mental retardation” is used and should be replaced with “intellectual disability”. This bill is in response to a bill that passed last session. We believe the “R” word is not a respectful way to refer to anyone. Please pass this bill and finish the job that was started. Everyone deserves respect.

Closure of State Institutions
Support the closure of state institutions for people with developmental disabilities and create the best living environment for people. More funding is needed in the community to support people with more creative options. Please fund Community-Based services to keep people out of institutions.

Low/No Cuts to Services
The services we receive are essential for our lives! If we don't get the services we need and we still live in the community there is a possibility of our safety being in jeopardy. Our lives fit together like pieces of a puzzle and without all of the services our lives cannot be the same.

Increase the Reimbursement Rate so that Dentists and Doctors Will Accept Medical Coupons
Most of us receive Medicaid Coupons. We should be able to find a Doctor in our area that can treat our dental and health needs.

Without dental care other more serious problems can develop. Without vision care people are not able to participate in their daily lives.