



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

May 2011



It's May. . .what are the legislators doing?

Is there any news on the budget? Agreement?

Right now legislators are trying to come to agreement on the Biennial Budget. This budget will direct the spending in Washington state for the next two years. In order to get the most up to date information, please access the budget side by side document on the Arc of Washington website, [www.arcwa.org](http://www.arcwa.org) under the Advocacy Tab.

We Wrote Messages . . . Again!



Diana Stadden from the Arc of Washington wrote a document called "Rebalancing the Developmental Disabilities System" It talks about the need to think differently about where the resources are going and encourages the consolidation of 5 DD Institutions to 3. After listening to it, everyone was encouraged to write their own messages on the back to be delivered to legislators. There were almost 20 letters from SAIL members that were delivered yesterday. Way to go! Keep up the great work!

The June Meeting is Our Last One at the Airport



Quite a bit of our meeting was spent going over the details of the new location of the meetings the Downtown Harley-Davidson in Renton. The exact address is on the back of this paper. Remember June is our last meeting at the Airport Conference Center. Come to the June meeting and we will go over all of the details again. Please bring all of your questions so that we can do our best to answer them before the end of the meeting. Change is difficult, but in the long run it will be a great change for all of us.



Listen up!



Recently a SAIL member commented that it is very hard to hear when others are having side conversations and using cell phones. Please listen when others are talking and take other conversations outside of the meeting room. Thank you!



Food for the Meeting



Since we have moved to our new location, there is only one cookie per person. Also there is diabetic choice being offered. Thanks for your cooperation!



## A Note from the Chair



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Hi Everyone!

Thank you for coming to May meeting. We talked about the House and Senate budgets. It is important that you attend the June meeting because we will be talking about the new meeting place that we are moving to in July. Sincerely, Heather Harper, Chair

### What Should I Do Since Session Is Still Going On?



Yes, it is true session is still going on. Right now the best way to contact your legislators is through e-mail or the Legislative Hotline. The phone number is 1-800-562-6000. If you have something that is particularly important to you call or e-mail your legislators. They are still trying to agree on the details of the biennial budget.



**Keep up the great work, you are making a difference!**

### SAIL is Moving!



**Attention!!! Attention!!!**

**The SAIL meeting is moving!!!!**

**Beginning On July 12, 2011**

**The NEW LOCATION Is:**

**Downtown Harley-Davidson**

**3715 East Valley Rd. Renton, Wa. 98057**

**Meeting Space Upstairs**

**1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**Questions? Call Emily**

**(888) 754-8798 before the meeting or**

**(206) 618-3818 on the day of the meeting**



**Once I Get to the Airport, Where Do I Go?**



**Summit Room**

**Ticketing Level Between American and Delta Airlines,**

**Behind The Ticket Counter on the Back Wall**

**between Currency Exchange and Seattle's Best Coffee**

**Need additional information? Please call (206) 618-3818 on the day of the meeting**