

Revenue Enhancements



We are supportive of ideas that increase revenue to the state.

We rely on the state for support in many areas of our lives. Without increased revenue it means that our basic needs will not be met.

Graduation of Community Protection Clients

People with disabilities deserve to have a chance to progress past community protection. People could graduate to a more appropriate, and less expensive, waiver.

A Coalition of people with developmental disabilities interested in shaping public policy.

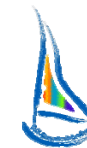


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Legislative Agenda

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

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.

- Medicaid Personal Care is critical for us to get the assistance we need to live successfully in the community.
- Dental/Vision/Hearing Medicaid state plan services provide needed health services that prevent more critical problems.



Closing of the DD Institutions and Increase and Improve Community Services

Support the closure of state institutions for people with developmental disabilities and create the best living environment for people. Many other states have made the bold step of closing institutions and supporting people in their local communities. We believe Washington should do the same!



Maintain Funding for Self-Advocacy



People First of Washington, Self-Advocates of Washington (SAW) along with other self-advocacy organizations work together to help individuals learn the skills to speak up for themselves. Money was lost last year and with all of the cuts in the future, we need a group of people to gather with to figure out the next steps in advocacy.

Movement Toward A True Self-Directed Service System



A self-directed service system is subject to the person receiving services not those working for them or the State. It is a system meant to empower the person.

- Two important areas to be included are:
- Money for students transitioning into the community and workforce from high school.
 - Money for well paying jobs for people with disabilities.