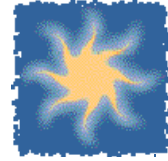




Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE



August 2011

Shawn Latham came to show us the New and Improved Website



When you open our new and improved website this is the new picture you will see! Shawn did a great job updating the sight with the suggestions that the group had during the last meeting. This meeting Shawn went though every page of the site to make sure that everyone agreed that it looks great and the content is correct. There are still a few things to add, but on the whole it is looking WONDERFUL!! Thanks a million Shawn! Our website address is: www.sailcoalition.org

Check it out!

Discussion About 2SSB 5459



Second Substitute Senate Bill 5459 passed the legislature last session. One of the things the bill did was close Francis Haddon Morgan Center in Bremerton which is scheduled to be closed by the end of the year. Also there are to be no new admissions to Yakima Valley School. Also included in the bill was no admissions of kids under the age of 16. There was

direction to form a workgroup to determine the future of DD Institutions in our State. Although nothing concrete is known about the group and how it operates, it is important that everyone understand what is going on. The perspective of people with disabilities needs to be clear. As time goes on, we need to talk more about what is critically important to people with disabilities.

Please stay connected so that you can lend your voice to these very important discussions.

For more information about SAIL, contact Emily Rogers: emily@arcwa.org; 1.888.754.8798



A Note from the Chair



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Hi Everyone!

Thank you for coming to the August SAIL meeting. We went over the SAIL website. We had a great discussion about a new committee that is being formed by the Governor. We also talked about the possibility of having someone come and listen to our perspective from the SEIU Training Partnership. It was nice to see everyone at the new place.

Sincerely, Heather Harper

Chair, Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

Brian Suggests Inviting Some People From SEIU To A SAIL Meeting

Brian Dahl of the Developmental Disabilities Council suggested that maybe the group would like to invite some of the new people from SEIU come to one of our meetings. This way if they are doing additional trainings or updating the original training they will be aware of our perspective. The plan for the October meeting is to invite some people from SEIU. Please come and make your voice heard!

Advocacy Day Dates - A First Look

Advocacy Day 2012 Schedule

Jan 9th - First Day of Session

Jan 18th - Session/Budget Overview

Jan 25th - Self Advocates

Feb 1st - Unserved Waiting List

Feb 8th - Employment Day

Feb 15th - Autism Day

Feb 22nd - Independent Living Day

Feb 29th - Legislative Budgets

Mar 7th - Session Wrap-up

Mar 8th - Last Day of Session

Mark your calendars now! Come and get information to hand out to your legislators as well as keep yourself informed! Come to make your voice heard! Meetings are typically held at United Churches in Olympia (across the street from the Capitol).