



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE



January 2012

Here's hoping everyone survived the winter weather! Wow that was incredible!

Contact Your Legislators!

Right now is the time to contact your legislators and let them know what is the most important issue for you. Tell them how the potential cuts will affect your life! They need to know your story! The latest information is that the budgets should be coming out shortly after Valentine's Day. This will give legislators only about 3 weeks to make the very difficult choices! So in the mean time, take some action and make sure they know your story!



Attention!!

The February Meeting Location Has Changed!!!!

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

La Quinta Inn-Seattle

2824 South 188th Street

Seattle, WA 98188

Phone: (206) 241-5211

Make Plans Now to Attend Advocacy Day!

February

- 8 Employment
- 15 Autism
- 22 Independent Living Day Rally
- 29 Legislative Budgets

March

- 7 Session Wrap Up

Check The Arc of Washington website to double check the location before you leave. www.arcwa.org Most of the Advocacy Days are at the United Churches beginning at 10 am. Advocacy Day is a wonderful way to hear about what is going on at the Capitol and get involved in making your message heard! Come and get involved! Everyone is welcome!



A Note from the Chair



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Hi everyone!

Session has started! The best thing you can bring with you to Olympia is your personal story. We all need to work together to save the services that are so important! This session will be one of the hardest yet, so keep coming to make your voice heard!

Sincerely,

Corinna Fale, Chair of SAIL

Legislative Hotline Phone Number

1-800-562-6000

Who was Voted as SAIL's Representative to Speak at the Independent Living Day Rally?

Each year SAIL chooses a person to represent us at the Independent Living Day Rally. This year the person who will be representing us is George Adams. Thank you George for your willingness to speak! You will do great! Come to the February meeting to hear George practice what he has in mind to say! Mark your calendar and plan to come to the Independent Living Day Rally on February 22nd! Looking forward to seeing you there! Don't forget your blue scarves!

Chris Purnell Voting and Speeches

Each year a recipient of the Chris Purnell Award is chosen. This year because of our crazy schedule we didn't get to the voting and speeches til this month. As usual there were several deserving candidates for the award. In the end, Mike Raymond was chosen as the 2011 winner. Congratulations Mike! Mike is not able to make the February meeting so we plan to celebrate in March. In the spring we will begin a new process for choosing the 2012 recipient.

Congratulations, again Mike!

Future's Planning with Brian, Shawn and George

Brian, Shawn and George let a very lively discussion about the future of SAIL. The discussion centered around what type of organization SAIL should become. There were some next steps discussed, however the timeline is still unclear.