



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

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HAS SESSION ENDED?? NO, NOT YET!

Congratulations Mike!



Congratulations Mike for being our latest Chris Purnell Advocacy Award Winner!! Thank you for your continued dedication to advocacy! You are appreciated!!



How is the Budget Looking for People with Developmental Disabilities?



Advocacy Day has finished all of the advocates have gone home for another year. Legislators, at least those in leadership, continue to hammer out details of a budget that all sides can live with. Fortunately, at this point the services that people with developmental disabilities rely on seem to be very similar in any of the budgets that they might choose. Thank you for your ongoing advocacy efforts! It is because we continue to Speak Out that Legislators understand how critical the services that we receive are in our lives! Keep it up!

Good Bye Harley, Hello La Quinta!

Last month was our last meeting at the Harley-Davidson. Our next meetings, at least until June and hopefully beyond will be at the La Quinta near the Airport. Were we have been in the past! Everyone should know how to get there! See you there!



A Note from the Chair



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Hi everyone!

Legislators were not able to finish their work during regular session, so now they have started a special session. Don't worry, the services for people with Developmental Disabilities are looking good so far. Hopefully, by the time the next meeting comes we will have a Final budget to discuss.

Sincerely,

Corinna Fale, Chair of SAIL

Changes for the Chris Purnell Award



The Chris Purnell Advocacy Award has been an annual award for many years. It was decided several months back that the people who have the potential for receiving the award should be broadened to include more people. As a result at the next meeting we will begin discussions about what else should be included in the criteria for the next recipient of the Award. Come and add your voice to the discussion!

A Victory for Employment!



This past Monday there was a bill signing here in Olympia! SB 6384, putting employment first. Jessica Renner, a SAIL member, was there for the bill signing! She had also testified for the bill so it was defiantly exciting for her! Way to go! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make sure this bill made it through this session!

The Group Contributed to the PowerPoint to Be Used at An Upcoming Event

In an effort to include more voices in the conversation SAIL members were asked to contribute their thoughts to a PowerPoint to be used at an upcoming Self-Advocacy Summit. The questions asked were:

- What has worked in Self-Advocacy?
- What struggles have we had in Self-Advocacy?
- What goals and dreams do we have for Self-Advocacy in our State?
- What are we proud of in regards to Self-Advocacy?
- What the Feds need to know

So glad everyone was able to speak out and contribute to the conversation!