



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

April, 2016

JUNE SAIL MEETING IS CANCELLED!!!
It is during the Community Summit where many members will be.

SAIL members have been very active looking at legislation we can purpose for the 2017 session. We have been attending conferences, symposiums, and other statewide events. We will be using our May meeting to discuss what issues SAIL wants to address in the future.

Lets talk about SAIL

SAIL is a Coalition. What does that mean? Who is included? How are decisions made? Those are some of the questions we will be talking about at our next meeting. SAIL members will come together to decide on ways that we can greater support people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in our state at country!

The May 2016 meeting will include:

- ◆ Get Healthy with Sandy!
- ◆ Coalition building
- ◆ Plans for next session



Eric with Gov Inslee

A Note from the Chair

Hello SAIL Members,

Last year we had a very successful legislative session. We are excited to start brainstorming for next year. Hope that all members are having a great spring! We hope you are able to attend meetings in your community that are important to you! We are here to support you if you need any assistances. It is encouraged to bring friends to the SAIL meeting in May.

Eric Matthes, Chair of SAIL

Ivanova Smith, Co-Chair of SAIL

notes from the last SAIL meeting.

Date: 4/12/2016

Introductions

Legislative updates: provider payment bill has been passed, the able act been passed, parent to parent bill been passed, the Down syndrome information act passed, the toxic free kids and family act passed, the deadly force bill passed, early intervention bill passed, the other parent to parent bill passed, higher education bill passed and protection of DD bill passed in to law. The DD community trust bill and self direct services bill did not pass. Both bill died. The bills that were passed with fiscal note got the funding that needs to be attached. Sadly the Yakima valley school got additional respite beds. The DD community trust Bill did not passed. The self direct services bill did not get passed either.

Wings conference: people that went conference talk about their experience. We talk about how guardianship affects our community. We shared information about power of attorney. David Lord talked Alternatives to guardianship, and how guardianship can take away person autonomy. There needs to be more education about guardianship. DD ombudsman could be resource to report on guardianship. We should have workshops that educate self-advocates about guardianship. Two presenters from Seattle regional SSI office talk about payees responsibility and how SSI money is handle with guardianship. David Lord may come next meeting and talk more about WINGS.

SAIL meeting with Kelly Brown: she was a staff member for senate Patty Murray. She is on committee of HHS and labor. Eric Matthes, Ivanova and Noah attended the meeting. We presented information about SAIL to her. She want to help us work with networking with other self-advocacy organizations. We talk about the DD network Panther. We plan to have allies in advocacy come collaborating with self-advocacy groups to create fourth network Panther. We talked about being at equal table with other network Panther. The Arc national self-advocacy coalition want to network with all self-advocate organization. It open group. They have national convention in Florida. But only for leaders in it.

Community summit update: dates for summits are June 14-16. Make sure to apply for stipend before June 1st. It is in convention Center in Wenatchee. There will be an art gallery so those who like to submit art. Noah can help people that need help apply for stipend. We to choose people that like to help sail present for sail. It will be Eric, Anthony, Ivanova, Brittany, Mike, George Ken and Sue. We talk about laws we passed.

Legislative forum lead by self-advocates: we need have forum where the legislators hear what people with disabilities want. We want have our legislative priority. We looking at pros or cons of having own legislative forum. We thinking of getting involved with local legislative forum.

What are the top SAIL issues for next year: we want make bill round making supported-decision making bill to go with guardianship, we want to create bill around having self-advocate be involved in training of first responders. We want to keep trying to create Proclamation against Sterization. We want stop funding that goes to institutions. Speaker of house rep. Chap supports institutions. We want to make petition to get rid of institutions. We want it put it on our of social media. Sub-minimum wage and integrated employment, Medicare personal care. Increase wage for providers. Provider training for focused I/DD people.

Community update: there stipend for a spot at person Center planning symposium. It on Bainbridge Island. People first have student first training that was successful.

Get healthy with Eric: having food that very chewy to make you feel less hungry.