



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

January 2016

We had our first advocacy along with our Disability Reception! We had a great turn out and many of us were able to talk with our legislators about the issues that our important!

Congratulations to Ivan Smith on being elected as the Vice Chair. Ivanova has a lot of experience working for the rights of people with Developmental Disabilities. Ivanova has worked with the Arc of King Count, People First of Washington, The Pierce County People First chapter, Allies in Advocacy, UW Lend Program, Special Olympics, and other organizations. We are excited to have Ivanova working as our Co-Chair!

The legislative session has started and is now in high gear. SAIL will be working on many bills during this session. We will be working on setting up a plan for how we can best advocate for our legislative agenda. At our next meeting we will review all of the policy bills that affect our community!

The February 2016 meeting will include:

- ◆ Get Healthy with Sandy!
- ◆ Discussing the 2016 Bills of interest.
- ◆ Advocacy Day planning!
- ◆ Decision making procedures

A Note from the Chairs

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Hello everyone,

We would like to give a thank you Anthony Nash II for being a great Chair the past few years and for teaching the both of a lot about advocacy, being a mentor, and representing SAIL. We are excited that the Down Syndrome information bill has be receiving support from the legislators. Thank you all for supporting the bill. Advocacy days have started! We are excited to see you every Wednesday, remember to dress appropriately and WARM! We hope to serve you well these next two years!

Sincerely, Eric Matthes, Chair of SAIL, Ivanova Smith, Co-Chair

Notes for SAIL meeting on January 12 2016.

Location SeaTac Red lion

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Introductions

*Election for co-chair, six people are running. They are Robert W, Ken, M and Mike R, Brittany S, Shawn L. And Ivanova Smith. The members voted for Ivanov Smith.

*Legislative update, The downs syndrome bill will be pass through this session, the icon bill got not sponsor because republican idea. A new bill introduced that allow stickers be put in buildings, and cars to let first responders know there person with disabilities in car or building. Discussed if they support bill. The Sail members voted not to support this bill.

*Updates about advocacy days, January 20 legislative reception in Colombia Room in Olympia. 5:30 pm. We discuss about the different rallies for advocacy days. Toxic coalition want SAIL support but many of us have concern about how this bill is introduced we want to change the language to not connect developmental disabilities with toxics.

*More Legislative update, the governor put in budget funds to cover over time for care provide. It also provides extra wages to caregivers in Seattle. More in budget for new case mangers fill case load. DD endowment increase security. They putting more to money in institutions. SAIL doesn't not support this. David lord came in and talk about a bill about guardianship to help people found alternatives to guardianship. It a bill number 1839.

Toxic coalition presents bills to get rid of flame retardants. We support getting rid of toxics but not supportive of link between flame retardants and developmental disabilities. The toxic coalition supports our concerns and want create language that more accepting of people with developmental disabilities. The presenter from toxic coalition talk about history of flame retardants. They been working with department store company to help encourage them not allow flame retardant be put in their furniture they sell.

*Community update, tri-city doing different events for special Olympics, mike reports his work with community of practices and experience going to person center thinking meeting.

*Eric is given SAIL gavel as new chair.