



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE



February 2011

The Legislative Hotline Phone Number Is: 1-800-562-6000

The Budget

A large part of the meeting was spent talking about the State budgets that are being created right now. As with our personal budgets, we must keep track of what is spent and how much is coming in, the same is true for the State. Unfortunately the State has not had as much coming in as they need to run everything at the current levels. So this means that essential services that we depend on everyday have the potential to be cut! If you have specific things that are important to you, contact your legislators and let them know! This is the time to really make your voice heard!

Bills

A bill is a proposed law that must make it through many steps before becoming a law. There are several thousand bills proposed every session. During the meeting we talked about several bills that were in the legislative process. If there is one that is of particular interest to you a good place to check would be www.leg.wa.gov

Come to Advocacy Day! We need you!



March/April Dates

- March 9 Family/Self-Advocate Funding
- March 16 Education Concerns
- March 23 Legislative Budgets
- March 30 Independent Living Day Rally
- April 6 Autism Issues
- April 13 Session Wrap-Up

Plan Ahead, to be with us!

Come and make your voice heard! You need to come and tell your story!
The United Churches
110 Eleventh Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501
10 AM



Food for the Meeting



Since we have moved to our new location, there is only one cookie per person. Also there is diabetic choice being offered. Thanks for your cooperation!



A Note from the Chair



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Hi Everyone!

Thank You for coming to this months meeting. We voted on the speaker for the Independent Living Day Rally, congratulations Jim! Please come to Advocacy Day. We also went over the budgets and bills of interest.

Sincerely,

Heather Harper Chair of SAIL

Who will be the Speaker for SAIL at the Independent Living Day Rally on March 30, 2011?



One of the things that was accomplished at the meeting was the group selected a person to represent SAIL at the Independent Living Day Rally. After a bunch of really good speeches from several people the votes were counted. . . And this year Jim McNamara has the distinguished honor of representing SAIL at the Rally. Congratulations, Jim! If you are interested in hearing what Jim is planning on saying he is going to practice at the next meeting! Come to cheer him on!

What can I do right now?

There are many ways to contact your legislators!

PHONE

One of the quickest and easiest ways to reach your Legislators is by phone, the **HOTLINE NUMBER IS 1-800-562-6000**. Give it a try!

E-MAIL

To e-mail your Legislators use this simple formula

full last name followed by a dot (.) first name@leg.wa.gov

Example: Jefferson.thomas@leg.wa.gov

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Come to Advocacy Day! **The upcoming dates for Advocacy Day are listed on the other side of this paper!** We cant wait to see you!



Once I Get to the Airport, Where Do I Go?



Summit Room

**Ticketing Level Between American and Delta Airlines,
Behind The Ticket Counter on the Back Wall**

between Currency Exchange and Seattle's Best Coffee

Need additional information? Please call (206) 618-3818 on the day of the meeting