Self Advocates in Leadership



# SAIL UPDATE



January 2011

# Happy New Year!

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

A Shorter Meeting because of the Threat of Snow



The morning of SAIL the news was predicting several inches of snow in the afternoon. Many people called to say they were not coming. In order to make sure that everyone made it home safely the meeting ended early. Thanks to everyone who made it to the meeting! Thanks Brian for making sure everyone made it to where

they needed to be! Next month we should be back to our regular time of 1-4 pm.

#### Congratulations Ken!





During this meeting Ken Larson received a star paperweight to commemorate his time as the Chair of SAIL. He was very thankful for the opportunity, and encouraged everyone to continue working hard. Thanks again, Ken!

## Went Over SAIL's Statement About the Cuts



Last month it was suggested by a SAIL member that the group needed a statement that could be handed out at Committee meetings and when individuals meet with Legislators. Emily drafted a document and wanted it to be refined and changed by the group. The majority of the meeting was spent changing this document to reflect what the

group wanted to say. Many of the quotes from the brainstorming of last month were used in this document. Emily will again update it and then have it available if you would like to take it to your legislators. Thank you for all of your good ideas!



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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It was great to see people that braved the incoming snow to attend the meeting! We said "Thank You!" to Ken Larson as our Chair. We also worked on a document to give to our legislators. Please mark your calendars for the next meeting on February 8, 2011. See you there!

Sincerely,

Heather Harper, Chair

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



Each year SAIL is given the opportunity to have a speaker at the Independent Living Day Rally. The rally this year is on March 30, 2011. If you are interested in speaking on behalf of SAIL, we will be voting at the next meeting. Here are the steps to being ready for the next meeting:

- 1. Call Emily and let her know you are interested that way your name will be included on the ballot
- 2. Prepare a 2 minute speech to be given at the SAIL meeting (SAIL's #1 priority is preserving services so saying something about how the services you receive are important to you would be great!)
- 3. Practice, Practice, Practice!!!!

### Come to Advocacy Day! We need you!



Plan

Ahead.

to be

with us!

February 2 Budget Overview

February 9 Employment Funding

February 16 Medicaid State Plan Services

February Dates

February 23 HCBS Waivers

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



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