



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

March 2011



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

## UPDATE ON BUDGETS AND BILLS

We went over the final supplemental budget that just got finalized. One particular bright spot is the money to close Frances Haddon Morgan Center, still needed is a bill for the closure. The number of bills still alive has now been cut in half. The focus now has shifted to the Biennial budget. Please keep making your voice heard!

## Went Over SAIL's Statement About the Cuts



This month we looked again at SAIL's Statement about the cuts. A couple of people changed their quotes, other than that people really thought it ended up well. During the upcoming budget hearings this document will be going out to legislators. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this document!

## Taking Action!



Everyone at the meeting wrote notes to go out to Legislators on the Budget Committees with the statement from SAIL. Several people also called the legislative hotline during that time. It is your personal stories and comments that really impact them. Keep speaking up!



## Come to Advocacy Day! We need you!

### The Last Few Advocacy Day Dates

- March 30 Independent Living Day Rally
- April 6 Autism Issues
- April 13 Session Wrap-Up

Don't forget your blue scarf for the Independent Living Day Rally! There are only a few places to eat at the capitol, so it is a good idea to bring a lunch!



## 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 the SAIL meeting. We went over the Bills of Interest and the Budget. We also brainstormed some ideas for Jim's speech on March 30th!

Sincerely,

Heather Harper Chair of SAIL

### Helping Jim McNamara Get Ideas for His Speech!

The group helped Jim brainstorm some ideas about what should be included in his upcoming speech for the Independent Living Day Rally. Many ideas come up in the conversation including: no cuts to services, the importance of MPC hours, employment supports and generally living independently in the community. We are all looking forward to hearing what great things you will say, Jim!

What Should I Bring to the Independent Living Day Rally on March 30, 2011?

## YOUR BLUE SCARF IF YOU HAVE ONE!

You never know what kind of weather will be so bring:

- An umbrella
- Warm clothes
- Good shoes



There are only a few places to eat so bring:

- A sack lunch
- A water bottle or drink
- Money in case you want to buy something



For the rally you might want to bring:

- Signs



### WE ARE SO EXCITED 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