



Self Advocates in Leadership

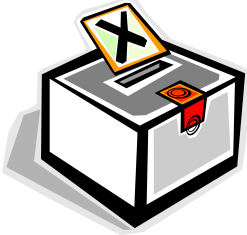
SAIL UPDATE



February 2012

Busy, Busy, Busy Times as Session Winds down! Well done!

Tom Allman from the Secretary of State's office Came to Talk About Voting



Tom Allman, Accessibility Coordinator for the Secretary of State's office, came to talk to the group about voting. As we get ready for some very important elections it is super important to know that accessible voting is available for you! Check into voting in your county so that you can register. If you have a guardian there are some additional information, but check into it, it is definitely worth it!! Thank you for coming Tom, we appreciate it!

Brian Dahl of the Developmental Disabilities Council led a discussion about future's planning. There were several suggestions to be included as we move forward in the process.

George Adams Did Great!



George Adams did a really great job practicing his speech! Even while standing in the pouring rain George's voice rang out strong and proud! SAIL was represented very well! Thank you George!

The March Meeting will Be our Last at the Harley Davidson in Renton! Please come to our next meeting to find out where we will be for our April meeting and beyond!

So How Did the 100 Message Challenge Turn Out?

As you might remember last Fall the 100 Message Challenge began. After several months of collecting from places like Tri-Cities, Spokane and others, about 50 letters were collected. It was a great collection of messages that went out to every member of the budget committees (Senate and House). Many thanks to People First of Washington for partnering with us! Well done everybody!! Let's make the goal of 100 next year!!!



A Note from the Chair



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Hi everyone!

Session is about ready to end! It doesn't look like it will turn out as badly as we originally thought. Call your Legislators and let them know how thankful you are for all of their hard work.

Sincerely,

Corinna Fale, Chair of SAIL

Thank You, two little powerful words!

As we began this Session, we had an uphill battle! Through all of the ups and downs many of the things that are important to us were preserved! As they are finishing Session, please call your legislators and say thank you for all of their work!

Things that are looking very positive:

- Individual and Family Services
 - Dental Care
 - Personal Care Hours
- Preservation of Eligibility

Hopefully, at the next meeting the final budget will come out and we can go through all of the detail. See you then!

Come and Celebrate!



Hopefully by the next meeting we will know what the budget ends up to be and can celebrate the end of Session! The Chris Purnell award winner is also planning on being at the next meeting so we are going to celebrate his accomplishment as well! We will also be taking new group photos because we can take advantage of the natural light there at the Harley Davidson. Hope to see you there!