

Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

SAIL is a statewide coalition in Washington State of people with developmental disabilities. SAIL Coalition strives to shape public policies that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

SAIL works toward this goal by:

- Holding Monthly Meetings over zoom the second Tuesday of each month from 1 to 4 pm
- Developing a annual Legislative Agenda
- Creating briefing documents on areas of interest
- participating in advocacy days and other advocacy related events



To join our monthly SAIL meetings click on zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/8081389093>

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<https://www.facebook.com/selfadvocatesinleadership>



2021 Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) Legislative Agenda

SAIL presents their top seven legislative priorities. These priorities include:



1. No Budget Cuts!

The Proposed cuts from DDA and DSHS will have a Serious impact on so many people across the board in Washington State! The impact of these cuts will be felt significantly by the I/DD community! Cutting services and reducing eligibility will affect the lives for so many clients, forever changing our worlds! We ask you please don't make these budget cuts.



2. Transitioning from RHC's to Housing

Everyone deserves safe and healthy living situations regardless of disability status. Staying in hospitals or institutions is not what people with disabilities want! We want to stay in the community with DD supports in accessible and affordable housing situations. We need legislators to increase funding for SOLA's in the I/DD community and close Institutions



3. End Sub Minimum Wage

We believe that all workers should be paid minimum wage or above. No person with disabilities should be denied an equal wage! We need to end sub minimum wage in public and private businesses!

4. Accessible Transportation

If you live with disability, finding accessible transportation can be a challenge. Even a trip to the grocery store can feel like planning a vacation as you try to find a practical way from point A to point B. As much as we wish every state city and town had the same accessibility accommodations, our world isn't there yet. We ask for funding to make all transportation options accessible for all types of disabilities



5. Increase Community Supports

People with I/DD feel a sense of empowerment when they are able to get out in their communities. Many can't do this alone or they need assistance while being out. We are asking legislators to increase community supports so that people don't feel isolated or restricted.



6. Parenting Supports for I/DD

Being a parent is one of the most rewarding while at the same time challenging jobs someone can have! Especially if their son or daughter has disabilities. It can often leave the parent mentally and physically drained. This is when parenting supports come in handy. Whether it is a social support group or a fun night away. We are asking for parenting support resources for parents with adults and children with I/DD and also for parents with I/DD.



7. NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

People with I/DD want to be invited to and included around the table when decisions are made about them. People also want to be included on any issues that have a direct impact on the I/DD Community, Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) hopes to get a bill started and passed through the legislature that is focused around this issue.



Self Advocates Groups throughout Washington State support these priorities!

