



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

June 2013

## **The Regular Session Has Ended. . . Second Special Session Has Started!**

On April 28, 2013 the regular session ended. The 1st Special Session adjourned June 11. The 2nd Special Session began June 12. Right now legislators in leadership positions are meeting behind closed doors negotiating a final budget. Fortunately for developmental disability issues both of the budgets are looking quite good. If you are still interested in leaving a message for your legislators the Legislative Hotline is still open (1-800-562-6000). As of right now no agreement has been reached. If there needs to be another Special Session it would begin on July 1st. That is the start of a new fiscal year so we are all really hoping they can reach agreement on many things before then.

Hopefully the finalized budget will be able to go out with the July newsletter!  
Keep your fingers crossed!

## **Beginning Discussion about SAIL's Priorities for Next Session**

Each year the group decides on a number of priorities for each legislative session. Some good ideas got put up for continued discussion. Tri-Cities had a PowerPoint presentation of their specific idea. Several people were interested in helping out on that issue and will be connected with the Tri-Cities group and Donna Tracy. There will be several more conversations about the priorities so that they can be refined. Thank you for your commitment to this process!

## **A Note from the Chair**

**June 2013**

**Hello!**

**Our first Skype with People First of Tri-Cities went very well. We have to work out a few issues but are looking forward to it for the July meeting.**

**The Summit Pre-Conference was a great success! There were about 35 participants. Everyone did a nice job presenting.**

**Sincerely, Corinna Fale, Chair of SAIL**





Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a coalition of over 200 people with developmental disabilities interested in shaping public policy in Washington State.



### What are people saying about SAIL?

- We helped pass eight bills through the legislature.
- It's an outlet for airing what needs to be said or looked at and changed.
- There's strength in numbers.
- SAIL cares about what's coming up in the state legislature and educating legislators about things that are important to us.
- We take information back home to groups that can't make it to SAIL meetings.

**We are excited to  
WELCOME YOU  
to our meetings!**

**Please Call or E-mail Emily to find out the most current meeting location! Thank you!**  
**emily@arcwa.org**  
**1-888-754-8798**

Here is a new half sheet describing SAIL. If you are attending transition fairs or other events and would like to take some with you just let Emily know. She will get some in the mail to you right away!

**Thank you!**



### Skyping with Tri-Cities



The June meeting was the first time we had the opportunity and technology all lined up to Skype with the People First of Tri-Cities. In general the experience was very successful. The sound on the Seattle end could use some improving, but really it did go well. Thanks, Eric Matthes, for snapping this picture of the Tri-Cities group! Thanks also to Brian and Crystal for operating the computers and technology! Let's do it again in July!