



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

April 2013

The End Is In Sight. . . Or Maybe Not!

The end of the Regular Session should be on this Sunday, April 28, 2013. There is a thought that there will be a Special Session because all of the legislators are not able to agree. Next month the final budget will get sent out with this newsletter. Thank you so much for all of your advocacy this session! Every voice makes a difference!

Everyone Decided Who Will Be Presenting the Pre-Conference in Ellensburg

In an effort to make sure that both People First of Washington and Self-Advocates of Washington had equal representation for this Pre-Conference both organizations have 2 representatives on the Presentation Team along with 1 representative from SAIL. All of the Presentation Team is currently in the process of getting stipends, from their counties, and getting registered for the Conference. If you are planning to attend the Ellensburg Conference please contact your County Coordinator about availability of stipends. If you are interested in attending the Pre-Conference you will need to register for that separately on www.gowise.org Looking forward to seeing you in Ellensburg!

A Note from the Chair

April 2013

Hello! The session is supposed to end on April 28th, however there is a possibility of a special session because the legislators are having trouble agreeing.

The Ellensburg Summit will be happening June 19-21. If you are interested in attending the conference please contact your County Coordinator to see if there are stipends available. If you want to go to the Pre-Conference you will need to register for that separately on www.gowise.org.

Sincerely,

Corinna Fale,

Chair of SAIL



SAIL Tackles Our Last Values Question!

The group tackled the last values question: When do you feel respected? Thanks to everyone who participated in our values discussions! It has been really powerful to hear everyone's contributions to this project! Thanks Again!

People First of Tri-Cities Has An Idea!

Amber and Julie from the People First of Tri-Cities came to the SAIL meeting and brought an idea. One of the statements that clearly states their idea was in a document that the group had drafted.

- We want to CHOOSE how our job coaching dollars are spent—if we feel our employer should have the money to assist us by providing ongoing training we want the dollars to be given to the employer.

The SAIL group had some feedback for the People First of Tri-Cities group about how many of their job coaches worked well for them. It was decided by the group to continue to keep these concerns in mind particularly as the group drafts the upcoming 2014 Legislative Agenda. Also as we continue forward talking with people in our community, this idea may evolve and change into something that can be worked into what is currently being done. There is a thought that it might not be a legislative fix that is needed! Thanks Amber and Julie, and all of you in Tri-Cities! Keep up the great work, it takes all of us to make change!

A New Way To Get The Newsletter

Recently there have been more requests to receive the SAIL Newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to be added to the list please let Emily know. The newsletter is in PDF format, please be sure your computer can accept those documents. Also be sure you know your e-mail address so that Emily can get it down correctly. Thank you!

Sessions Winding Down. . . What Do We Do Now?

Ok so the Regular Session is drawing to a close. Everybody is ready for a vacation! After a little time for relaxation, then it is the perfect time to ask your legislators to coffee. During this time of the year legislators have more time to really sit down with you and get to know about your life and what is concerning to you. If you take the time to work on those relationships now they will really pay off when you are advocating in Olympia next Session. Now is the time to gather a couple of friends together to plan a little gathering! If you need some assistance please call Emily, 1-888-754-8798 and we'll talk through the plans! Can't wait to hear how it goes!