



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

January 2014

Happy New Year!

WHO IS THE NEW CHAIR OF SAIL?

Thanks again to Corinna Fale who did a great job as the Chair of SAIL over the last couple of years. All of the candidates: Eric Matthes, Anthony Nash II, Jadie Pechin, and Mike Raymond, would be outstanding leaders. This time the group chose Anthony Nash II. Welcome Anthony! We are looking forward to great things coming up with you as Chair!

Where are we as far as Session is Concerned?

As Session has gotten going there have been significant health barriers that have not allowed us to get started in our traditional hit the ground running style. Cheryl Monk and Emily had several positive meetings with legislators. As time continues on it seems that both of our bill ideas will need to be visited again next year. That way hopefully we can work with a broader range of legislators and others. There might be other ways to let them know why these issues are important to us, this Session, stay tuned.

Also, Robert Wardell and Mike Raymond did a great job testifying on a bill that would have opened Yakima Valley School to new admissions. They talked about how they used to live in institutions and really liked living in the community. Thanks, Robert and Mike, great job!

A Note from the Chair

January 2014

Hello!

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting! Thank you to the staff from DDA for attending our meeting. I'm honored to be elected as the new Chair of SAIL. See you next month!

Sincerely, Anthony Nash II, Chair of SAIL

Linda Lundsford, from DDA Visits SAIL

Linda Lundsford from the Developmental Disabilities Administration came to visit SAIL and talked about eligibility changes proposed by DDA. This was great information and really good to hear it directly from the people making the decisions. There were several changes which she went over in detail. From what she went over, all of the changes seem positive and will benefit those receiving services. She also had a PowerPoint that she went over that is a good overview of the changes. If you are interested in viewing the PowerPoint presentation Emily can e-mail it to you. Thank you Linda for coming and sharing your information with us!

Who Will Speak for SAIL at the Independent Living Day Rally?



Each year SAIL is asked to choose a speaker to represent the group at the Independent Living Day Rally. This year the rally day will be on February 19, 2014. This year the group chose Jodie Pechin as the groups representative. Thanks Jodie! We will look forward to hearing your speech at the next SAIL meeting! Be sure to bring your umbrella to the Independent Living Day Rally, sometimes you need it!

Advocacy Day is Coming Up!!

This year is a short session so there are not as many advocacy days to choose from.

February 5	Medicaid Services (Big White Tent)
February 12	Civil Rights
February 19	Independent Living Day (Columbia Room and Steps)
February 26	Employment

Remember we are meeting at the General Administration Building (GA) for Advocacy Day this year. It is just off of the Capitol Campus.

UPCOMING SAIL MEETINGS: Mark your calendar!

FEBRUARY 11, 2014
MARCH 11, 2014
April 8, 2014

May 13, 2014
June 10, 2014