



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

February 2016

Session is half way over. We are having a great year at the legislature. The Disability Pride Advocacy Day was a huge success. We had speakers from different self advocacy organization along with a great open mic!

HB 2403 a bill that would require offices that do prenatal testing for Down Syndrome to have up to date information about Down Syndrome passed out of the House!! We are on to the Senate!

At the March SAIL meeting we will be discussing the state budget for this year along with current bills we are following!

The March 2016 meeting will include:

- ◆ Get Healthy with Sandy!
- ◆ Discussing the 2016 Bills of interest.
- ◆ State Budget Update



Ivanova

## A Note from the Chairs

Hello everyone,

Congratulations to Ivanova for running February's meeting. We are looking forward to get the Down Syndrome bill through the session. We hope you are all happy with how the session is going. Looking forward to seeing you in March. I'm humbled and honored to be the SAIL chairman I will do my best in my advocacy efforts to hear you and work with you all as a team. SAIL was glad to be involved in the Disability Pride and Power up families Advocacy Days. Safe travels!

Sincerely, Eric Matthes, Chair of SAIL, Ivanova Smith Co-Chair

Notes for SAIL meeting on February 9 2016.

Location SeaTac Red lion

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Introductions

Guest speaker: Kate Gallagher who is working on pilot project to bring community to people in adult family homes. Funded by DDA. It pays adult family homes to help being community activities for people with disabilities who live in adult family in urban and rural setting. Extra focus be on rural areas. They want build bridges with self-Advocates. She also like get feedback from SAIL member. They not able to offer it in every county because it a pilot program. Develop person center planning like programs. If successful it expend around state. Trainers would be home and community services. They be training providers to give person center support to people living adult family homes.

Advocacy days: why don't we have big self-advocacy day. We having disabilities pride day tomorrow. We go through the schedule. It be united churches, we be speaking alongside SAW, passport for change, and Down syndrome foundation. We have rally at fountain of freedom of speech. We have more speaker. We want to expend it next year.

Budget bills: top budget issues for SAIL. Individual provider overtime per recent us department of labor, and oppose institutions bill that increase funding to RHCs and third be bill on caseloads.