



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

October, 2016

SAIL is finalizing our 2017 Legislative prioritizes! During the last few meetings we have been discussing what we want our top prioritizes will be next session. We have decided on provider wages, accessible and affordable housing, supported decision making and rights for people under guardianship, ending subminimum wage, maintain DDA services, and

## Advocacy Dates for 2017

February 1st Legislative Briefing and Reception

Advocacy dates are every Wednesday from February 1st-April 5th in Olympia at The United Churches of Olympia, 11th Avenue Southeast, Olympia, WA

### October 2016 meeting will include:

- ◆ Discussions about 2017 Advocacy Days
- ◆ Discussion about next years legislative session agenda
- ◆ Debriefing the People First Convention
- ◆ And much more!

### A Note from the Chairs

Hello Sail Members!

We are looking forward to the legislative session in the upcoming year. Hope you enjoyed your summer and are getting ready for the Fall. Now is a good time to start preparing for the Winter months. With the elections in November make sure you are registered to vote and ready to vote. Let us know if you need support.

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



September SAIL meeting 2016

Location: SeaTac Red Lion.

## NOTES

- **Finalizing the 2017 legislative priorities**

After a long in depth discussion the seven legislative priority list is

1. Increasing provider wages
2. Making sure enough accessible and affordable housing in each area
3. Reforming the guardianship program to include supportive decision making for those that needs help but don't want or need a full guardianship
4. End sub minimum wage
5. Improve the mental health system
5. Maintain and improve the personal care system
7. Closing the RHC's

- **Go though of the People First convention presentation**

SAIL will be doing a presentation on voting and the importance of voting at the people first convention Oct 1st in the the morning we will also be going over initiatives and referendums at the presentation.

- **PADSA Update**

Due to SAIL getting the Pacific Alliance on Disability and Self Advocacy social media grant we will be having a social media training in December before SAIL from 10 to 12. More to come