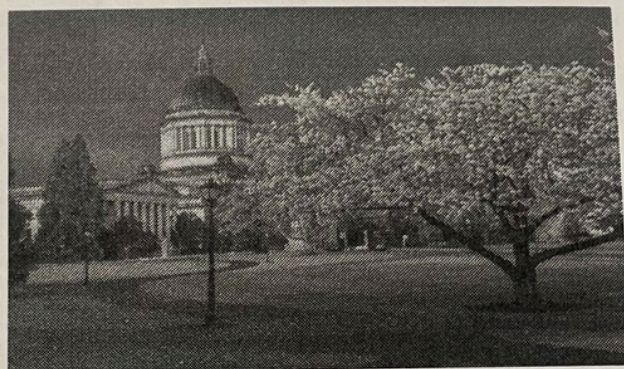




Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a self-advocacy coalition for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). SAIL offers the information and assistance people with I/DD need to speak up and be heard in state government. Members can learn how you can let legislators and state agencies know what you think about issues such as housing, transportation, jobs, quality services and health care.



Please Join Us!

Self-Advocates In Leadership (SAIL) meets on the second Tuesday of each month on Zoom and sometimes at the Sea-Tac Airport Conference Center. We are dedicated to promoting the rights and power of people with I/DD through changing public policy in the legislature.

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State agenda items!

1. Making sure HB 1541 Nothing About us Without Us Act works correctly.
2. Closing the Residential Habilitation Centers (DD Institutions)
3. Increase provider wages!
4. Access to reliable, safe, accessible transportation.
5. Increases to affordable accessible housing.

Federal agenda items

1. Improve and update the SSI & SSDI programs.
2. Increase funding for Home and Community Based Services
3. Advocate for a Federal Nothing About Us Without Us Act
4. Make positive changes to the Food Stamps and Veterans services that are tied to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Early Possible 2025 Legislative items

1. Making sure when individuals go in an ambulance, there needs to be a way to have equipment go with them to the hospital.
2. A plan to shut down the institutions similar to SB 5938 in 2022.
3. Advocating to bring back HB 2279, the Waiver Optimization bill, which hopefully will allow those in need better access to waivers.
4. A bill to protect the documents and artifacts stored at the other three institutions.
5. A bill to make sure those buried in unmarked graves at institutions receive headstones.
6. Increases to budget items that affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
7. A transportation bill or budget item.