Three Programs Supporting Statewide Advocacy

How the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) supports advocacy through LEIT, DD-CAC, and SAIL

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LEIT

Legislative Engagement, Information & Tools

Helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families participate in Washington's legislative process by:

- Providing accessible legislative information and advocacy tools.
- Helping people understand public policy issues and engage with lawmakers.
- Informing legislators about issues that impact the developmental disabilities community.

DD-CAC

Developmental Disabilities Community Advocacy Coalition

Supports and brings together disability focused organizations across Washington to:

- Share information and collaborate on issues that matter to people with IDD.
- Help coalition members identify shared goals and work together to coordinate legislative priorities.
- Support coalition members to come together to strengthen community advocacy across Washington.

SAIL

Self Advocates in Leadership

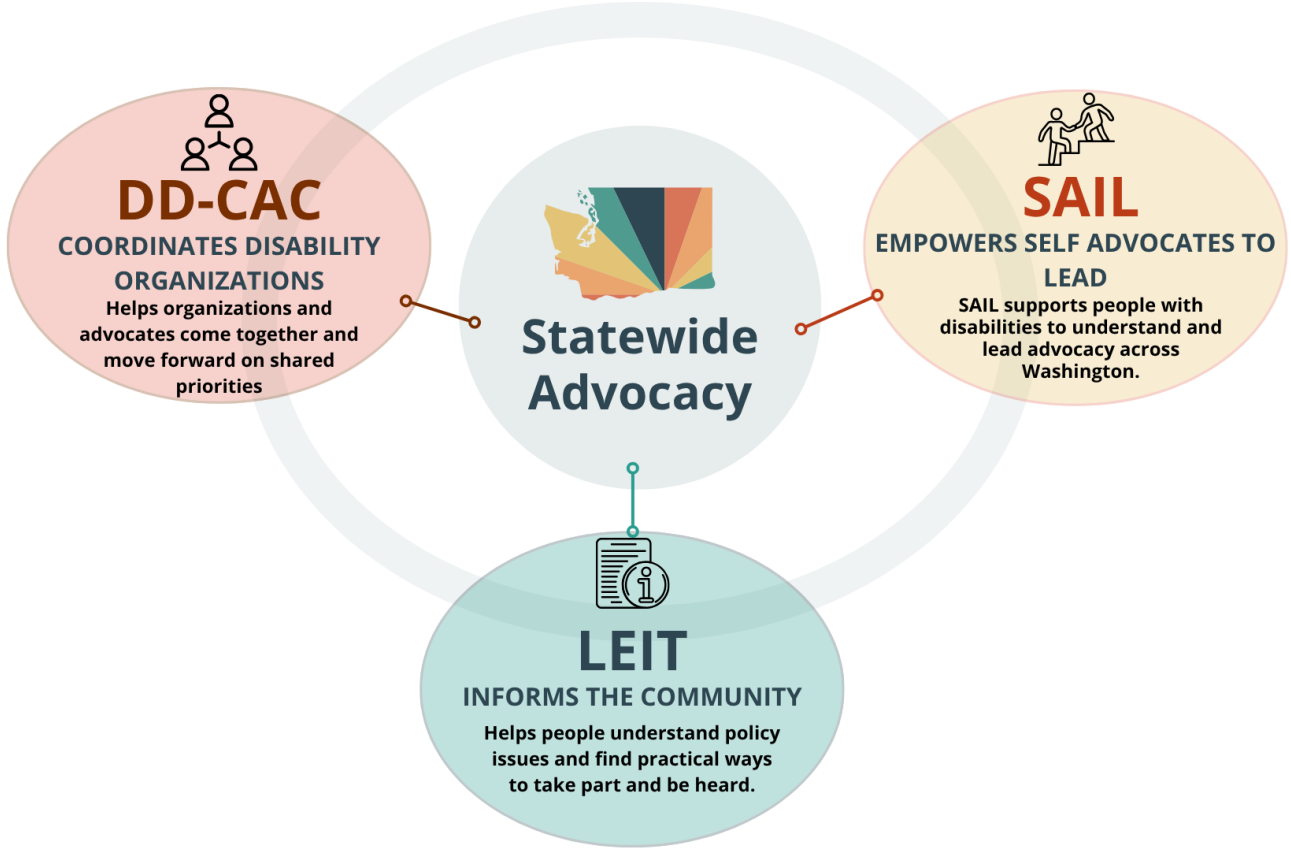
Supports people with IDD in building leadership skills and participating in public policy by:

- Helping self-advocates build leadership skills and speak up about issues that matter to them.
- Bringing self-advocates together to identify priorities, share information and advocate for positive changes.
- Providing opportunities to learn about government, connect with other advocates and share their experiences directly with policymakers.

How the three programs fit together

The key distinction is how each program supports statewide advocacy:

- **DD-CAC supports a member-led coalition to identify shared priorities, develop state and federal legislative agendas, and coordinate advocacy.**
- **SAIL supports people with disabilities to understand and lead advocacy across Washington.**
- **LEIT helps people understand public policy issues and find practical ways to participate and be heard.**



How the DDC is involved in each program

Program	LEIT	DD-CAC	SAIL
What it does	Gives the IDD community the information and tools to engage in Washington's legislative process and influence public policy	Supports and brings together individuals and organizations across Washington to focus on disability issues.	Supports people with IDD in building leadership skills and participating in public policy.
DDC's role	Funds the program and helps support its work.	Attends as a member organization and provides funding for coalition support and events.	Funds the program and supports its statewide advocacy work.
What success looks like	More people in the IDD community have the information and tools to engage legislators and influence public policy.	Members participate, adopt shared legislative agendas, and engage on CAC priorities.	More people with developmental disabilities have opportunities to lead and influence decisions.

What can the community expect to receive from each program?

LEIT	DD-CAC	SAIL
• Legislative education • Advocacy Days • Bill and budget tracking • Website/tools including data, one-pagers • Statewide outreach	• Membership support • Administrative support • Communications • Leadership pathways • Policy agendas • Advocacy information for members	• Leadership development • Public policy participation • Statewide inclusion • Self-advocate driven work

Four areas of emphasis across all projects



Accessibility

Make information, tools, meetings, and activities accessible so more people can understand issues, participate, and be heard.



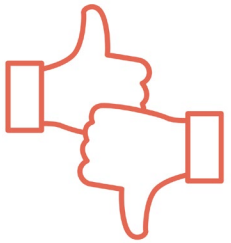
Equity

Reach people from different communities and backgrounds to ensure more voices are included in statewide advocacy.



Collaboration

Bring people and organizations together to share information, build connections, and support issues that matter to the developmental disabilities community.



Feedback

Listen to participants and community partners, track progress, and use what is learned to improve each program.

How to get involved

LEIT

Legislative Engagement, Information & Tools

- Visit The Arc of Washington State's Website
- Attend Advocacy Days
- View the budget and bill tracker

DD-CAC

Developmental Disabilities Community Advocacy Coalition

- Explore the CAC webpage
- Check out the CAC legislative priorities
- Get the latest CAC news and updates

SAIL

Self Advocates in Leadership

- Visit the SAIL website
- Check out a SAIL meeting
- View SAIL's legislative priorities