



Fund Community Services

For People with
Developmental Disabilities

Working in Harmony with state legislators to provide services and supports for people with a developmental disability.

In all three proposed budgets for the Developmental Disabilities Administration, it appears that the **700 people** who live in the Residential Habilitation Centers are **more important** than the **44,300 clients** who live in the community.

- ⇒ Of those **44,300 people**, **63%** live at home with their family.
- ⇒ **12,500 people** are eligible for services, but wait for the legislature to fund services for them.
- ⇒ Another **700 people a MONTH** are being determined eligible for DDA services, but wait for the legislature to fund services for them too.

This budget continues to underfund services in the community!

-  We need more funding for **families in crisis**.
-  We need more funding for **community residential**.
-  We need more funding for **respite for families** to get a break.
-  We need more community residential options for **aging parents** still caring for their adult son or daughter.
-  We need you to change the policy that forces adults to choose between **employment and day** services, especially since all other states allow **BOTH** at the same time.

The legislature has reformed the aging system.

You reformed the mental health system.

You reformed the children's system.

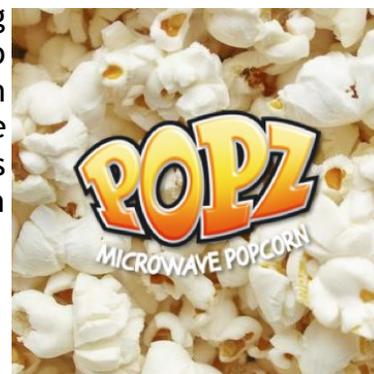
When is it our turn?

PFASs in Popcorn Bags

Popcorn is the quintessential American snack. Watching a movie? Kids want a snack? Get hungry at work? But it turns out microwavable popcorn bags pose a threat to our health. Every microwavable popcorn bag tested by the Center for Environmental Health in 2017 came back positive for fluorine, indicating that they are highly likely to contain harmful nonstick chemicals known as PFASs.

BRAND	TYPE	LIKELY PFAS-TREATED*
Act II	Butter Lovers	X
Act II	Kettle Corn	X
Act II	Buttery Kettle Corn	X
Act II	Movie Theater Butter	X
Act II	Light Butter	X
Act II	Mini Bags Butter	X
Pop Weaver	Kettle Corn	X
Pop Weaver	Extra Butter	X
Pop Weaver	Butter	X
Pop Weaver	Light Butter	X
Orville Redenbacher's	Movie Theater Butter	X
Orville Redenbacher's	Ultimate Butter Pop Up Bowl	X
Clover Valley	Extra Butter Flavor	X
Clover Valley	Kettle Corn	X
Lowrey's	Bacon Curls Microwave Pork Rinds	X
Lowrey's	Bacon Curls Microwave Pork Rinds - Hot & Spicy	X
Pop Secret	Homestyle	X
Pop Secret	Movie Theater Butter	X
Regal Cinemas	Movie Theater Butter Flavor	X

If only there were a way to create a nonstick bag without using dangerous PFASs....but there is! The grocery store chain Coop Denmark has phased PFASs out of all its products, and popcorn manufacturers have found a way to make popcorn bags that are safe for human use. For instance, the brand Popz Popcorn sells PFAS-free popcorn bags in Denmark, but PFAS-containing popcorn bags in the U.S.



Popz Frequently Asked Questions (<http://popz.eu/faq>)

Do Popz popcorn bags contain PFOA (“Perfluorooctanoic Acid”)?

Popz micowave popcorn bags are PFOA free paper bags.

We can have access to healthy popcorn bags in the U.S. by passing
HB 2658—the Healthy Food Packaging Act!

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Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a coalition of over 200 people with developmental disabilities who are interested in shaping public policy in Washington State.



Budget Overview Advocacy Day

Senate and House Capital budget:

This money goes to fund buildings and infrastructure. \$9 million will be put in the Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs). The money will be used to build a new laundry facility and, building repairs. SAIL believe these funds would be better used in the community housing where people with disabilities have more freedom and autonomy in their lives.

Governor Operating budget:

This would add \$19 million for increased staffing at RHCs, which SAIL opposes. We feel there needs to be more funding for community providers who get payed very little compared to RHC state employees. There is inequality in the allocation of funding for DDA services with the majority of the funding going to the RHCS, which only supports 700 people, yet there are over 40,000 people needing supports in the community.

Senate Operating budget:

This funds services and supports, but they put the majority of funding into the RHCs. SAIL feels strongly that this money would be better spent in the community. We are thankful for the funding for special education and State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA).

House Operating budget:

The House budget is very similar to the Senate Operating budget. In the public testimony for both Senate and House's budget hearings SAIL testified:

“If this money has to go into institutions then just as much money should be put in the community.”

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