



SAIL PRIORITY #1

People belong in the community. Shut them down!



Washington State has a long history with developmental disability institutions, also called Residential Habilitation Centers or (RHCs). The first DD Institution was established in 1914, in Lakeland Village. At its peak, there were over 4,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in them in the mid-20th century. As of 2024, we have 4 remaining DD Institutions with 457 individuals residing in them. As individuals have been leaving institutions, they have been receiving their services at a fraction of the cost. For example, those in a DD Institution have an average daily cost of around \$1500, while those in the supported living program have a daily cost of \$625. Please refer to the 2024 DDA Caseload and Cost report for further information.

SAIL members believe all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserve to live in a community setting of their choice that doesn't restrict their rights. We are advocating for all developmental disability institutions to have a reduction plan created. Services should be provided in the community, not in institutional, segregated settings. We demand that our State develop plans to phase out DD Institutions and build community capacity for long-term supports, which will provide more opportunities to individuals to lead the lives they want.

What Do We Need Now	What Do We Need Going Forward
Follow the implementation of SB 5393 to make sure there are no new admissions at Rainier School and strengthen it even further to make sure Rainier School closes faster.	Work with the Department of Social and Health Services to make sure they create plans to phase out all DD institutions and build community capacity for long-term supports.”
Stop any bills that would require DD Institutions to remain permanently open	Work with State and community partners to make sure transitions are happening and are person centered.
Codify Olmstead in Washington State by protecting Home and Community Based Services	Work with the Department of Social and Health Services to make sure that any emergency/crisis care and/or enhanced behavioral support services can be delivered safely in a true temporary setting.

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