Welcome:
Gabriela Ewing—WA State Developmental Disabilities Council
Ivanova Smith—Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

Northstar Housing Co-facilitators:
Anthony Nash and Courtney Thom

Darla Helt—PEACENW

Scott Livengood—Community Residential Services Association (CRSA)
Randy Hauck—Community Living
Melissa Johnson—CRSA Lobbyist

Leo Finegan—Life Enrichment Options (HB 1789)

Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
The Arc of Washington State

Jessica Renner - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

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Tomorrow (Thursday): House Housing, Human Services & Veterans - 1:30

Public Hearing for HB 1980 - Removing the prohibition on providing employment services and community access services concurrently.

Sign in to support or testify so people can have both a job and a life!
February 24, 2021

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

Northstar: Civil Rights

Legislative Priorities for 2022:

1. Benefits planning is not accessible to everyone. We really need benefits planners for every person who needs them.

2. Sexual health education should be available and encouraged for people with I/DD, just as it is for students without I/DD. People with I/DD should be supported in expressing their gender identity and sexual orientation just as anyone without I/DD. Students with I/DD should be required to take the same health classes as their non-disabled peers.

10:00 Welcome: Gabriela Ewing—WA State Developmental Disabilities Council
   Ivanova Smith—Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

10:15 Northstar Co-facilitators

10:30 Benefits Planning
   Susan Harrell—WA Initiative for Supported Employment

10:45 Sexual Health Education
   Meseret video
   Police training

11:00 Shut Them Down Coalition
   Shawn Latham

11:10 Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
   The Arc of Washington State

11:20 Jessica Renner - Wrap-up
   Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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OSPI Special Education Webinar Q&A: Supporting Families Across All Learning Models is TODAY at 6:30 Click here to join the webinar!
March 3, 2021
Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

Northstar: Employment & Day Services

Legislative Priorities for 2022:
1. Allow for community inclusion and individualized employment to be concurrent/co-occurring waiver services.
2. DDA should include safety support tasks (“supervision”) as part of an individual’s care plan, per assessment, and hours should be built into all services without restricting the individual’s rights to autonomy or their ability to make their own decisions and direct their own care.

10:00 Welcome:
Gabriela Ewing—WA State Developmental Disabilities Council
Ivanova Smith—Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

10:10 Northstar Co-facilitators

10:20 2022 Priorities- Courtney W. and Karen W
10:30 Importance of Employment Supportive Services
  • Parent to share the observation of their child with a enhanced purpose and a steady income
  • Employer to share the need to tap into a workforce that brings so much to their work
  • Job Coach to share the significance of their role especially during COVID
  • Self-Advocate to share why their ability to work and maintain supportive services is critical to their overall well-being

10:45 Statewide School to Work-Transition Services
  • Tania May of OSPI
  • Teacher that fosters Transition Services
  • Psychologist to share the need to invest in transition services and the positive impact on an individual’s mental health
  • Client who receives services to share the vital role transition services played in landing their job

11:00 Proclamation- Ivanova Smith
Boo Yah!/Baton Passing- Seth D. and Sara S.

11:10 Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
The Arc of Washington State

11:20 Jessica Renner - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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March 10, 2021
Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

Rights and Protections:

Artwork by Ivanova Smith

10:00  Welcome: Ivanova Smith
      Self Advocates in Leadership

10:15  Honored Advocate: David Lord - (Retired)

10:30  Noah Seidel & Tim MCue - WA State Developmental Disabilities Ombuds

10:40  Ayan Elmi - Parent

10:45  Sandi Gruberg - Washington State Parent Coalitions

10:50  Kyle Matheson - Self-advocate

10:55  Julie Clark - Shut Them Down Coalition

11:00  Darya Farivar & Beth Leonard - Disability Rights Washington

11:10  Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
      The Arc of Washington State

11:20  Alex Moettler - Wrap-up
      Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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Sign in/attend a hearing https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSIRemote/:

Register for next week’s Advocacy Day!
March 17, 2021

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

Self Advocacy:
Nothing About Us Without Us

10:00  Welcome: Ivanova Smith - Self Advocates in Leadership, Chair
10:10  Alex Moettler - Self Advocates in Leadership, Policy Coordinator
10:15  Shawn Latham - Allies in Advocacy, Director
10:20  Larry Hill - People First of Washington, Historian
10:25  Katie Nash - Married Life
10:30  Blake Geyen - Technology for People with DD
10:35  Josie Schindler - Being a Parent
10:40  Robert Wardell - Life in an Institution
10:45  Ken & Susan Larsen - Full Life/Aging
10:50  Mike Gantala - COVID-19 and the Vaccine
10:55  Anthony Nash - Sub-minimum Wage
11:00  Bill Fale - Artistic Talent and DD Advocacy
11:05  Ky Ly - People with DD in Diverse Communities
11:10  Jessica Renner - Bills of Interest
11:20  Alex Moettler - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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March 24, 2021

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

**Budget:**
NO Cuts!
No New Institutions!

**Welcome:** Jeremy Norden-Paul & Ivanova Smith
WA State DD Council & Self Advocates in Leadership

10:10  **Amber Leaders** - Governor’s Office
Danielle Cruver - OFM, Budget Assistant to the Governor

10:20  **Adana Protonentis** - HCBS Access Act
WA State Developmental Disabilities Council

10:35  **Charlie Weedin** - Rainier School Workgroup/Peer Mentors
DDA Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary

10:45  **Adrienne Stuart** - Public Policy Director
WA State Developmental Disabilities Council

11:05  **Stacy Dym** - DD Housing Study
The Arc of Washington State

11:15  **Wesley Shockey** - COVID Transition Funding
Self-advocate

11:10  **Diana Stadden/Justine Martin** - Bills of Interest
The Arc of Washington State

11:20  **Alex Moettler** - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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Be sure to [Sign in](#) CON (opposed) to the Capital Budget (SB 5083) in Senate Ways & Means on 3/25/21: No New Nursing Facility!
March 31, 2021

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

10:00 **Welcome:** Jeremy Norden-Paul & Ivanova Smith
WA State Developmental Disabilities Council

10:05 **Honored Guest:** Evelyn Perez
Retiring Assistant Secretary of Developmental Disabilities Administration

10:10 **Legislator:** Senator Ann Rivers

10:25 Jake Murray - Governor’s Proclamation
The Arc of Snohomish County, Parent Family Coalition Coordinator

10:30 Jennifer Gerdts, Ph. D.
Attending Psychologist, Seattle Children’s Hospital Autism Center

10:45 Gary Stobbe, MD
Medical Director, UW Medicine, Adult Autism Clinic

11:00 Zack Siddeek
The Arc of King County, Disability Systems Navigation Coordinator

11:10 David Stadden
Autistic Self-advocate

11:20 Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
The Arc of Washington State

11:25 Alex Moettler - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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**Hearings:**
*Senate Ways and Means Today at 1:30*
- **SHB 1218** - Improving health, safety, and quality of life for residents in long-term care facilities.
- **ESHB 1267** - Concerning investigation of potential criminal conduct arising from police use of force, including custodial injuries, and other officer-involved incidents.
April 7, 2021

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day:

**Equity & Diversity**

Artwork by Ivanova Smith

10:00  **Special Guest—Senator Emily Randall**

10:05  Welcome: Jeremy Norden-Paul & Ivanova Smith
               WA State Developmental Disabilities Council & SAIL

10:15  Lance Morehouse - Sherwood Community Services

10:25  Robin Tatsuda—Progressive Revenue Resolution
               The Arc of King County

10:35  Stacy Dym - Engaging and Partnering with Diverse Families Webinar

10:40  Cathy Murahashi - Community Advocacy Coalition (CAC)

10:45  Noah Seidel - DD Ombuds

10:55  Patty Gonzales - Parent to Parent (P2P), Spanish Coordinator

11:00  Beth Leonard - Disability Rights Washington (DRW)

11:10  Diana Stadden - Bills of Interest
               The Arc of Washington State

11:20  Alex Moettler - Wrap-up
               Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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**Don’t miss this!** [Register Now](#) for tonight, April 7th at 6:00 pm:

**COVID Vaccine Q & A in English, Spanish and Vietnamese**

Join us to hear from Dr. Thanh Kirkpatrick, Dr. Suman Pandey and Dr. Peter Asante

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