

January 26, 2022

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.

- 10:00 Welcome:
Gabriela Ewing—WA State Developmental Disabilities Council
Ivanova Smith—Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
- 10:10 **Amber Leaders**—Governor’s Senior Policy Advisor
- 10:15 Northstar Civil Rights Co-facilitators:
Anthony Nash and **Courtney Thom**
- 10:20 Benefits Planning
Susan Harrell—WA Initiative for Supported Employment
- 10:35 Sexual Health Education
Craig Sicilia—People First of Washington
- 10:40 Out-of-state Residential Placements
Meseret Haile video
- 10:45 HB 1310 Police Use of Force Policy
Simrit Hans, Kelly Richburg—Attorney General’s Office
- 11:00 Shut Them Down Coalition Rally
Shawn Latham
- 11:10 Bills of Interest
Diana Stadden - The Arc of Washington State
- 11:20 Wrap-up
Jessica Renner - Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
- 1:00 Shut Them Down Coalition Rally ([Click here to participate by Zoom](#))



EVALUATIONS!

Submit your evaluation of today’s Advocacy Day online by [clicking here!](#)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make legislator appointments, email information to them, watch floor action on TVW.org. Register for next week’s Advocacy Day!

[Sign in/Testify/Watch SB 5790](#) to make School to Work programs available to students in ALL counties; Increase rates for Employment Service Providers. Hearing is on Friday at 8 am, Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee.