Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day

Caregiving

1. Upfront and immediate investments are needed to give agency and IP caregivers a livable wage that is self-sufficient, both in pay and benefits. Wages should be automatically increased regularly with other cost-of-living or minimum wage increases and caregivers should earn a thriving wage no matter whether they are in a rural or metropolitan area.

2. Compensation for training/orientation of new caregivers is critical to continuity of care.

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

10:05 Scott Livengood & Eric Matthes: Northstar Caregiving Priorities

10:10 Kristina Gooch: The Arc of Spokane—Direct Support Professional Manager
Stanley Muchahi: Ablelight—Direct Support Professional

10:25 Julie Clark: Caregiving with Nursing

10:30 Hodan Mohamed: Washington Multicultural Services Link

10:40 Michele Lehosky: Senior Parent Caregiver

10:50 Nancy Ford: Grandparent Caregiver

11:00 Demas Nesterenko: SEIU 775 Legislative & Policy Manager
Eva Gantala: SEIU 775 Parent Provider Outreach Project
Carina Care: www.carina.org

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

11:25 Jessica Renner - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

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Make legislator appointments, email information to them, sign up for committee hearings,
Register for next week’s Advocacy Day on EDUCATION here.

Public Hearings:
House Housing, Human Services & Veterans - 1:30 PM
⇒ ESSB 5268 - Transforming services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by increasing the capabilities of community residential settings and redesigning the long-term nature of intermediate care facilities. (Remote testimony.)
Senate Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation - 1:30 PM
⇒ 2SHB 2008 - Eliminating the use of intelligence quotient scores in determining eligibility for programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. (Remote testimony.)