

February 16, 2022

# 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](http://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)

### EVALUATIONS!

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### WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

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.)