

February 9, 2022

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day: Northstar: Transportation Barriers



Legislative Priorities for 2022:

1. All drivers across all settings must be trained to properly secure wheelchairs.
2. People cannot access the restroom on long bus rides and need bathroom breaks, making it impossible for people to access medical appointments. This is especially problematic for people in rural areas.

- 10:00 Welcome:
Gabriela Ewing—WA State Developmental Disabilities Council
Ivanova Smith—Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
- 10:05 **Mike Gantala** and **Leigh Spruce**—Northstar Transportation Workgroup
- 10:15 **Cindy O’Neil**—The Arc of Tri-Cities Transportation Program
- 10:30 **Francie Peltier**—Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition, Special Needs Transportation Committee (video)
- 10:40 **Disability Mobility Initiative #WeekWithoutDriving** (video)
- 10:45 **Jason Stolz**—Spokane Self-advocate
- 10:55 **Emily Arneson**—Spokane Transit Authority
- 11:10 **Diana Stadden** - Bills of Interest
The Arc of Washington State
- 11:20 **Jessica Renner** - Wrap-up
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)



EVALUATIONS!

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

Make legislator appointments and email information to them.

Watch legislators pass bills on the floor: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/far/Senate/Calendar>

Register for next week’s Advocacy Day on Caregiving!

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEquqvrTwrGdYsaYnRh09zv6mehC5kNvFT>