



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL Update

October 2025

SAIL has finalized our 2026 legislative agenda at the September meeting

Our top priorities are

Closing DD Institutions: People belong in the community, shut them down!

Increasing housing and residential options: We want to see more low-income, accessible housing options

Preserving core state services: We want to make sure the core services we use every day are funded so people with IDD can live fully in the community

Access to transportation: We want to see access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation across Washington State

Accessibility when using an ambulance: We need our medical equipment in times of emergencies

Ending the Community Protection program: Advocates are for the discontinuation of the most restrictive Developmental Disability Community services DDCCS program the Community Protection waiver



Chair and co chair and policy coordinator administrative coordinator comments

Anthony says: Hello everyone I hope everyone is having a good season, hope you are getting ready for nominations and elections coming up but most of all I want to share of our dearly departed friend Kyle Matheson he may be gone but will live on in our hearts and future advocacy we do forever

Mike's comment: Tell your congress person to reject the President's budget proposal to eliminate Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights act DD act programs and oppose reducing funding to protection & advocacy agencies and state DD councils

Shawn's comment: In honor of our dear friend and member Kyle Matheson we present our 2026 priorities please help us advocate for them

Jessica's comment: Please come to the October SAIL meeting ready to finalize the SAIL handbook

Tracy's comment: Remember Kyle, strong advocate