



**Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a coalition of over 200 people with developmental disabilities interested in shaping public policy in Washington State.**



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**As a coalition, we will be advocating for important issues showcased in our brochure.**

**We look forward to talking to you about them!**

# PEOPLE FIRST of Washington



**People First is the oldest self-advocacy organization in the State Of Washington with over 30 active chapters and 1000 members.**

**We are People First and our disabilities are secondary.**

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**"Nothing About Us, Without Us!"**



## 2021 Legislative Agenda

# PEOPLE FIRST of Washington





# 2021 PRIORITIES



## Transitioning from RHC's to Housing



Everyone deserves safe and healthy living situations regardless of disability status.

Staying in hospitals or institutions is not what people with disabilities want! We want to stay in the community with DD supports in accessible and affordable housing situations. We need legislators to increase funding for SOLA's in the I/DD community and close institutions.



## No Budget cuts!



The Proposed cuts from DDA and DSHS will have a Serious impact on so many people across the board in Washington State! The impact of these cuts will significantly be felt by the I/DD community! Cutting services and reducing eligibility will affect the lives for so many clients, forever changing our worlds! We ask you please don't make these budget cuts.

For 2021

Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) and People First of Washington (PFW) have chosen these issues as top priorities:



## End Sub Minimum Wage

We believe that all workers should be paid minimum wage or above. No person with disabilities should be denied an equal wage! We need to end sub minimum wage in public and private businesses!



## Accessible Transportation

If you live with disability, finding accessible transportation can be a challenge. Even a trip to the grocery store can feel like planning a vacation as you try to find a practical way from point A to point B. As much as we wish every state, city and town had the same accessibility accommodations, our world isn't there yet. We ask for funding to make all transportation options accessible for all disabilities



## Increase Community Supports



People with I/DD feel a sense of empowerment when they are able to get out in their communities. Many cant do this alone or need assistance while being out. We are asking to increase community supports so that people don't feel isolated or restricted

## Parenting Supports for I/DD

Being a parent is one of the most rewarding while at the same time challenging jobs someone can have! Especially if their son or daughter has disabilities. It can often leave the parent mentally and physically drained. This is when parenting supports come in handy. Whether it is a social support group or a fun night away. We are asking for parenting support resources for parents with adults and children with I/DD.

You are not alone

