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 is the oldest self-advocacy organization in the state of Washington with over 30 active chapters and 1,000 members.

We are PEOPLE FIRST and our disabilities are secondary.

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"Nothing about us, without us!"
NO BUDGET CUTS
The proposed cuts from DDA and DSHS will have a serious and disproportionate impact on so many people across the state of Washington. The impact of these cuts will be deeply felt. Cutting services and reducing eligibility will affect the lives of many existing clients and those who aren’t clients but should be. Please do not make these budget cuts.

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US
People with I/DD want to be invited to and included around the table when decisions are made about them. People also want to be included on any issues that have a direct impact on the I/DD community.

TRANSITIONING 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.

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
People with disabilities often find challenges with finding transportation. 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. We ask for funding to make all transportation options accessible for all types of disabilities.

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

PARENTING SUPPORTS FOR I/DD
Being a parent is one of the most rewarding things a person can do, whether or not they have a disability. For parents with disabilities, having opportunities for support, like social groups, parent’s night out programming and coaching help to address the challenges all parents face, but those with disabilities are often left out of.

2021 PRIORITIES
SELF-ADVOCATES IN LEADERSHIP, PEOPLE FIRST OF WASHINGTON AND ALLIES IN ADVOCACY HAVE COLLABORATIVELY CHOSEN THE FOLLOWING AS OUR TOP PRIORITIES.