



The Activities of Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

As A Group

The group meets monthly

- To determine legislative priorities
- To choose what the focus for the year will be and possibly some ideas for possible legislation
- To have guests with whom the group can exchange information and give their perspective
- To write letters about issues that are important to people with disabilities to Legislators and the Governor
- To discuss bills that are of interest to people with disabilities
- To choose the recipient of an annual Advocacy Award
- To keep everyone up to date on the activities that have happened over the past month since the last meeting (SAIL has created a Rapid Response team that helps to direct the activities of SAIL between meetings)

As Individuals

- Members speak up at the meetings
- Members help out in the steps of the legislative process
- Members help share the information learned with other members of the community
- Members make phone calls to the Legislative Hotline
- Members write letters about issues that are important to them
- Members attend meetings with Legislators and important State workers
- Members help to shape the direction of SAIL

The Coordinator

- Puts together the newsletter
- Invites guests to the meetings
- Brings refreshments
- Mentors the Chair in the duties and responsibilities of the Chair role
- Helps coordinate meetings with Legislators and key parties
- Recruits new members of SAIL
- Works with the Chair in helping to run the meeting (when needed)
- Helps the members of SAIL understand the Legislative Process and what the next steps are in the process
- Brings all of the handouts and supporting materials to the meeting
- Educates communities throughout the state by helping to coordinate presentations with members of that local community and providing technical assistance

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