

Community Advocacy Coalition
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Notes:

- Mark your calendars now! The Legislative Reception will be held on January 20, 2010 in Olympia.
- Self Advocates in Leadership are working on their 2010 agenda and will be presenting at the Nov. CAC meeting.
- The RHC commission will not revisit the surveys even though many were filled out by paid guardians. CAC wrote a letter earlier suggesting that the survey did not capture all the necessary data.
- The State Arc focus for 2010 will be advocating for the least amount of cuts to the DD budget. 2010 will once again be focused on the budget deficit and services being cut. The Arc has created a list of potential efficiencies for the legislators and for the CAC focus.
- CAC discussed the negative impact to people with developmental disabilities if Initiative 1030 passed. The Arc has formally said No on 1030. (Tim Eyman's initiative)
- Lance Moorehouse, Arc of Spokane and Statewide Parent Coalition Director update the status of Parent to Parent Programs & Parent Coalition programs in our state after budget cuts. There are some counties without this service. Many of the counties are providing services but in a very limited capacity.
- Linda Rolfe from DDD reviewed potential scenarios of Administrative rate cuts.
- 35 Children in the State of WA (under the age of 20) are in RHC's (institutions)
- Disabilities Rights of WA are working on the code revisions for respectful language that was passed in 2009.
- Autism Awareness Rally, Wed. Jan. 20, 2010 at 11:30 am Capitol Rotunda. Bring your children affected by autism or Asperger and share your story with your Legislator.