

April Advocacy Days in Olympia

Want to go to the Washington State Capitol in Olympia? Want to learn how you can help yourself and others?

Advocacy Day offers a way for you to learn about the legislative process in person. It's a tool kit for learning how to make a difference.

The ARC of Washington State hosts meetings every Wednesday during the legislative session.

Advocacy Day begins at 10 a.m. with The ARC leading an hour and a half briefing where self-advocates learn what the legislators are doing.

The afternoon is spent touring the capitol and networking with other self-advocates ending at about 3 p.m.

The ARC features a highlighted topic each week covering late breaking news on budget items and bills of interest relating to individuals with developmental disabilities.

The topics for April are:

April 1 - Birth to Three

April 8 - Waivers/Medicaid Changes

April 15 - 2009 Legislative Wrap-up

Self advocates and family members from Clallam County are invited to participate in democracy by attending Advocacy Days.

Contact Tresa Stuber at SNAP, 360-681-8642 to make a reservation on the van. A limited number of seats are available. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

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“Try Another Way”

The absence of our state's largest learning event on employment is a great example of a time when we need to come together to

“Try Another Way”.

Please join me in the spirit of change and remember that we have:

- (1) all that we've learned,
- (2) all that we've developed and
- (3) all the talent of a collective of thousands of people to move our work to the next level.

Therefore, what's being called for is a time of total FOCUS...we as a community are in a battle for critical services for people with developmental disabilities.

Our commitment at W.i.S.e. is to continue to focus our training and technical assistance

on maintaining those services for the individuals in jobs and seeking jobs, their families and the agencies that are navigating a very tough economy to sustain and maintain employment opportunities.

We remain your partner in the pursuit of employment for ALL and we look forward to planning the next phase of learning and development that it will take for employment for people with developmental disabilities to be TYPICAL in our country.

Stay focused, stay connected and in times of change you can count on one thing remaining the same... VALUES...

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