

Speaker Frank Chopp Wins Revelle Award

*Washington State Psychiatric Association honors Speaker Frank Chopp
for mental health advocacy and service*

The Washington State Psychiatric Association's Randy Revelle Award was presented to Speaker Frank Chopp. The award honors individuals and organizations who advocate on behalf of the entire mental health community.

Representing the 43rd legislative district since 1995, House Speaker Frank Chopp has been a long-time social justice advocate and defender of our state's safety net programs. In addition to his legislative work, Chopp has an extensive history of local community service experience including his current position as Senior Advisor at Solid Ground (formerly the Fremont Public Association). Chopp is a graduate of the University of Washington and a life-long Washington resident.

Speaker Chopp has many accomplishments on behalf of people living with mental illness. His leadership was key to enacting Washington's mental health parity law in 2005 as well as protecting the law and expanding it in 2007. During the 2013 legislative session, Frank led the effort to increase the state's mental health budget by \$35 million. This year, Frank sponsored the Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health. He added three psychiatrists to the task force and championed a three year agenda for improving the state's mental health system. In addition to his many achievements, he supported his sister as she coped with mental illness.

Randy Revelle honored Speaker Chopp with the award on November 9, 2013, and said, "Frank Chopp is a man of vision, a man of integrity, a man who cares about people, and a man who can get things done in Olympia."

WSPA named its service award after Randy Revelle, whose contributions to mental health range from his leadership as King County Executive to inspiring individuals and families to overcome the stigma of mental illness and leading a grassroots coalition's successful fight against health insurance discrimination. After being elected King County Executive in 1980, he publicly announced his bipolar disorder diagnosis and directly challenged widely held stereotypes about mental illness. Since his term ended in 1985, Revelle has become Washington State's leading spokesperson for people living with a mental illness.

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The [Washington State Psychiatric Association \(WSPA\)](#) is a professional, non-profit corporation serving psychiatrists in Washington State. It is organized for the purpose of supporting professionalism in the practice of psychiatry and promoting top quality mental health care.

