



Louisiana Access Stakeholder Meeting

March 25, 2022 – 1st Quarter (Updates in Red)

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Services and Language Access Coordinator, *Louisiana
Supreme Court*

Language Access Status – Year 1

Language Access Plans

- **Courts submitted plans: Over 90%**
 - District Courts – 100%.
 - **Four (rural) City Courts. (Update 3.25.22)**
 - Work needed to implement and follow.
- **Court appointed language access coordinators.**
- **Court programs have language access policy:**
 - Judiciary Commission
 - Drug and Specialty Court
 - Children and Families
 - LPOR

Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court
Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana
Language Access Plan

A. Language Access Coordinator

This court's Language Access Coordinator is Tyariana Scott. Ms. Scott's contact information is:
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B. Compliance with Statewide Language Access Plan

The Language Access Coordinator has posted the Language Assistance Services (LAS) sign(s) in the following publically accessible place(s): In the public waiting areas of this court and on the court's website.

The Language Access Coordinator has placed the Language Assistance Services brochures in the following publically accessible place(s): In the public waiting areas of this court.

C. Identify commonly encountered non-English languages

Based on most recent Census data and other data collection methods including the court's case management system, this court's commonly encountered non-English languages are identified as:

1. Spanish
2. Vietnamese
3. Mandarin Chinese
4. French-Creole
5. Arabic
6. Nepali
7. Cantonese

Language Access Status – Year 2

Complaints

- **Court Watch NOLA Findings**

- Municipal Court – Low sample numbers.
- Criminal Court – High sample numbers with some findings.
- Meeting with Criminal Court and recommendations:
 - Training
 - Identify LEP sooner
 - Notification improvements (Attorneys)



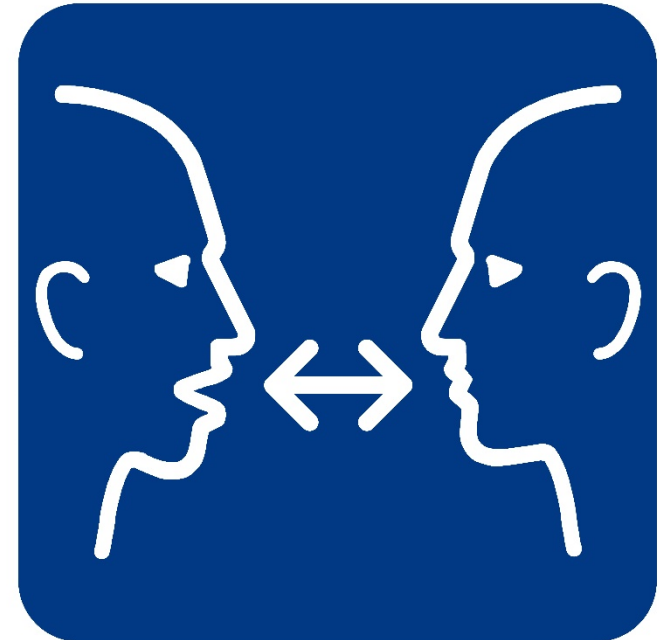
Language Access Status – Year 1

Training

- New Judges Orientation – 11.20
- St. John the Baptist Parish Clerk of Court – 2.25.21
- Denham Springs City Court – 7.15.21
- Louisiana Language Access Coalition – 7.21.21 (outreach)
- First Parish Court – 8.2.21
- Second Parish Court staff and judges – 8.13.21
- Statewide Language Access Training – 8.24.21
- 4th Circuit Court of Appeal – 9.28.21
- Louisiana Immigrant Working Group – 9.23.21 (outreach)
- Together We Can Conference – 11.3.21 (outreach)
- 31st JDC – 10.7.21
- 16th JDC Hearing Officer – 10.11.21
- 25th JDC – 10.15.21
- 15th JDC – 10.20.21
- Jefferson Juvenile Staff and Clerk's office – 11.12.21
- EBR Juvenile Court – 11.22.21
- Judicial College – 12.2.21
- FINS training – 12.7.21
- Language Access 2.0 (1.7.22)
- Upcoming: LCAA and Judicial College (4.7 and 4.8.22)

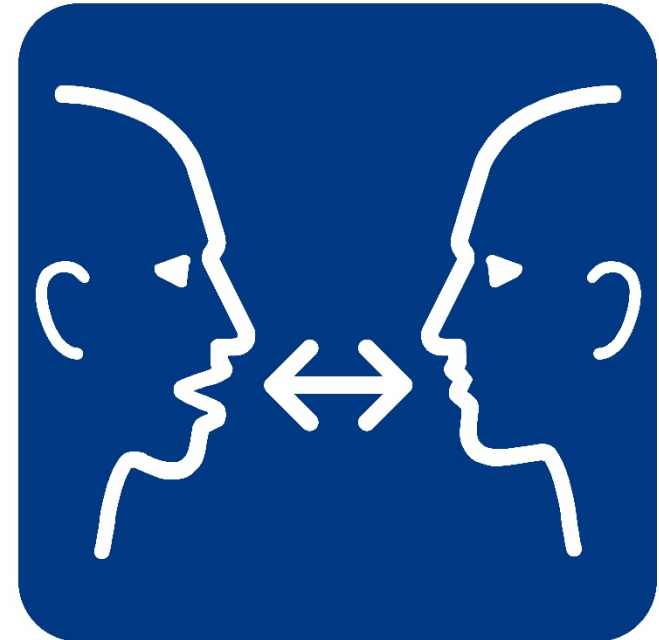
Year 2 Projects

- **Audit checklist for courts. Due now.**
- Court Rules.
 - Post Sign and brochures.
 - Language Access Office designation.
 - Provide court interpreters at no cost.
 - Permanent stakeholder committee.
 - Interpreter preference and professionalism.
 - Code of Evidence.
- Training for Clerks of Court.
- Translated documents for LASC programs.
- Ensure that all Type 2 courts have a LAP.



Year 2 Projects

- **LPOR Forms**
 - Current Project: Simple Translate
 - Proposed Project: Bilingual Forms
 - Met with LPOR
 - Meeting with Judges next (TBD)
 - How do we translate the narrative sections?



Year 2 Projects

- **Data Collection results**
 - *Type 1 and 2 courts only*
 - Court Interpreter expenditures: \$900,000
 - Court Interpreter assignments: 6,000
 - Language access expenses: \$17,000

Next Meeting: Friday, June 24th



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