

Please join the Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA) for a public meeting in Port Angeles, Washington, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, from 9 am to 1 pm. The goals of the meeting are to:

- Provide an overview of federal and state laws that outline the obligation of organizations to provide meaningful access to services for LEP individuals.
- Learn how to effectively work with interpreters and translators.
- Discuss challenges to providing interpreter and translator services in the law enforcement, court, and medial/social services fields.
- Network with professional interpreters and translators.
- Provide participants with resources and information so that they can efficiently access better interpreting and translating services.

Who Should Attend?

Those who are interested in language access such as interpreters, translators, legal advocates, attorneys, court personnel, medical providers, social service providers, and law enforcement personnel. Regardless if you are new to the field of language access or have years of experience, this conference will prove valuable by offering both basic and advanced topics.

The Honorable J. Riehl (Kitsap County District Court) and the Honorable E. Rohrer (Clallam County District Court II) have indicated availability for the meeting, as have the following individuals: Gillian Dutton (Senior Attorney, Northwest Justice Project, Seattle), Harvey Sloan (Detective and Trainer, Seattle Police Department), Katrin Johnson (Court Interpreter Program Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts), Julie Bryan (Washington State Court Interpreters and Translators Society), Cindy Roat (Language Access Consultant and Trainer), and Bill Plumley (Spanish Interpreter).

This meeting is free of charge and is open to the public.

For more information on WASCLA, please visit www.wascla.org

For more information about this meeting, including registration, please see the attached document.