

Interpretation

Overview

Interpretation is a type of language accommodation that helps mitigate communication barriers caused by language differences spoken between one or more parties. Interpretation services are used to facilitate communication during Extension programs, services, trainings, and other organizational activities. Extension is legally obligated to provide programming in languages other than English when requested by the public.

Our help in providing interpretation services may include:

- Ascertaining language needs per the target audience
- Sourcing appropriate professional interpreter service vendors
- Obtaining cost quotes based on market rates
- Assuring that services are carried out in a professional and ethical manner.

We also support with the coordination of interpreter services that provide equitable, meaningful access for LEP persons participating in our programs, activities, and services.

Interpretation events

In most cases, language access contracts with independent service providers for interpretation needs during events. Depending on the language pair, location, and other logistical considerations involved with providing interpreters during in-person events, a minimum of 15 business days is a standard amount of time needed to coordinate services. Requesting estimates from service vendors, scheduling the interpreter(s), relaying event details and other information related to the event are some of the factors that require time.