

49TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

SECTION I: The 49th Judicial District has appointed Barbara Gallo the Assistant Court Administrator as the language access coordinator. Ms. Gallo may be reached at:

Room 208
Centre County Courthouse
102 South Allegheny Street
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SECTION II:

B: The five most common languages for which interpreters were provided are:

2012	2013
Spanish	Spanish
Russian	Chinese
Sign	Hungarian
Chinese	Sign
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous

C: Centre County Court offices currently use "I Speak" cards but the County does not provide signage in non-English languages at this time. Meetings have been held with staff from the Commissioners' office to discuss the development of building signage.

SECTION III:

A: The Centre County website does not presently include interpreter request forms, but are currently being used by court employees in written form.

B: The most common points of service which we encounter LEP and deaf or hard of hearing persons beyond judicial proceedings are:

Counter of Court offices

Telephone

Contacted by police or corrections officers

The type of language assistance service currently available for these situations is:

Telephonic Interpretation service

Centre County does not use video remote interpreting, and does not have any bilingual employees.

C: Centre County does have the PFA form available in Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Arabic and Korean. The criminal guilty plea colloquy is available in Spanish. We intend to have have these documents available in Russian and Chinese.

D: The Court has met with the County Commissioners and the IT department regarding having the Common Pleas Court and the Magisterial District Courts addresses, telephone numbers, hours, and directions to these offices listed on the internet in languages other than English.

SECTION IV:

Centre County will offer training regarding language access to current members of the Court staff, MDJ staff, Probation and Domestic Relations.

SECTION V:

A: Some of the stakeholders that we are reaching out to are; Centre County Bar Association, Woman's Resource Center, Penn State Legal office, Public Defender's office and District Attorney's office.

B: The name and contact information of the language access coordinator is:

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SECTION VI:

Complaints should be forwarded to:

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Date: 12/31/14 Language Access coordinator Signature Barbara Gallo

Date: 12.31.14 President Judge Signature: [Signature]