

Language Access in Court-Ordered Services

Limited English Proficient Court Litigants



As part of your court case, the judge may order you to participate in a program or service outside of the courtroom. Some examples of these programs are: counseling, batterer intervention programs, parenting skills classes, and substance abuse treatment. The outcome of your case may depend on your ability to follow the instructions of the judge and participate in one of these classes or services.

If you do not speak English very well, and the judge orders you to participate in a program outside the courtroom, here are some things you can do:

Speak up in Court

If the judge orders you to participate in a program while you are in court, you can ask the judge if there is a program available in your language. You can ask this question through your attorney or interpreter.

Ask for Help

Every court has a Language Access Representative, who may be able to help you find a program that offers services in your language or that provides interpreters. Look for this symbol for language help at your courthouse or on your local court's website:



Ask for a Different Order

If you have been ordered to participate in a program or service and cannot because there is no language assistance available, you can tell the court and ask for a different order, using form [LA-400 Service Not Available in My Language: Request to Change Court Order](#).

[Click to learn about how to use the LA-400 to ask for a different order.](#)

Looking for Help in Your Language?

[If you do not speak](#)

[English:](#)

Multilingual resources coming soon

California Courts Self-Help Center

(Centro de ayuda):

<https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm?rdeLocaleAttr=es>

Translated Forms:

[Formularios legales](#)

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