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## What's New at the California Courts' Online Self-Help Center and Equal Access

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This newsletter is a summary of new and updated information on the [California Online Self-Help Center](#) and [Equal Access](#) site. It also highlights resources you can use to assist you in providing services to your self-help center customers.

**June is National Reunification Month!** Find important resources to help courts, attorneys, parents, youth and others in their reunification efforts. View those and more at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/reunification-month.htm>.

### Updates at Online Self-Help Center

- **Child Abuse & Neglect:** We have revamped this section to provide guides for [parents](#), [children](#), and [caregivers](#) in dependency cases. We have included a page for [foster kids' rights](#) and much more information, in plain language, regarding dependency court, parentage determinations in dependency cases, and visitation rights of grandparents and siblings.
- **Juvenile Dependency Court and You: A Guide for Parents** –The guide is currently available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and linked to within the Online Self-Help Center <http://www.courts.ca.gov/1205.htm>.
- **Families Change**, the website with resources for parents, teens and children on how to deal with parents separating is now available in [Spanish](#)! The free online parent education course – *Parenting After Separation (PAS)* – for divorcing or separating parents in California will soon be available in Spanish as well.

#### Form Charts by Topic:

- [Fee Waivers](#)
- [Divorce](#)
- [Domestic Violence](#)
- [Child Custody](#)
- [Name Change](#)

[California Courts' YouTube Channel](#) for judicial branch videos, self-help videos & more.

[Email your questions](#) to the Equal Access community.

### Requests for Language Access Materials

The Judicial Council's Language Access Plan has entered its implementation phase. As part of those efforts, we would like to collect any informational materials, videos, brochures or other tools that you may have developed to serve your court or agency's Limited-English Proficient populations (including systems you may have created to support your staff in being more linguistically accessible). Whether they are materials we can adapt for the self-help website to provide multi-lingual information, or samples and templates for the Equal Access site that we can post for use by other colleagues, please send them to [bonnie.hough@jud.ca.gov](mailto:bonnie.hough@jud.ca.gov).

### News on the Equal Access Project

After some complications with the web content editor, a new and improved system will allow us to continue our efforts to revamp the [Instructional Materials](#) section of Equal Access, as well as other sections.

We have added a new section for [Special Immigrant Juvenile Status](#) where you can find some training materials and manuals to find out more about this increasingly popular area of law that overlaps family, juvenile and guardianship issues.

We are also still working on reorganizing the site to improve its usability. We will continue to provide more updates to you as we make more significant progress in this area. As always, if you have feedback you have not yet shared with us, please do so. **Finally, if there are any materials you would like assistance in developing or translating, or if you want to find out what other courts have done and cannot find the information on these sites, please feel free to contact [bonnie.hough@jud.ca.gov](mailto:bonnie.hough@jud.ca.gov).**