

WASCLA SUMMIT IV WASHINGTON STATE COALITION FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS

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Wrap-up



Next Steps

- Continue to work with others around the state in substantive area groups to develop and implement LEP policies
- Review your own agency's or organization's policy to make sure it is adequate, send it to WASCLA for posting and sharing with others
- Help make sure your staff are trained
- Continue to invite other groups (schools, public housing, other agencies, etc) to join WASCLA
- Join with the court staff in your area to work on a Language Assistance Plan
- Educate LEP residents about their rights and why an interpreter is important



Next Steps continued

- Implement on-line interpreter and translator directory
- Formalize LEP training and curriculum
- Improve technology and efficiency of systems
- Continue to seek out additional funding
- Support interpreter training and certification programs in your area
- Fill out interpreter and agency surveys on language needs
- Help establish WASCLA as independent organization



How can you stay connected?

- Participate in WASCLA which serves as a nexus for a diversity of groups that share resources and information
- Regular phone calls 1-866-625-9936 access code 9354775 posted on website www.wascla.org as a way to update on progress
- Join with others working in similar agencies
- Come to our conference again next year!!



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