Improving Language Access in Developmental Disabilities Services:
Bringing Leaders and Advocates Together to Drive Change

In September 2021, the DDPC sponsored a free Summit to bring together leaders, families, and advocates to inform and advance Language Access in the Developmental Disabilities field in New York State. Below are the Summit materials.

Presentation Materials

Click on the links below for PowerPoints, Handouts and Surveys from the Summit presentations.

Click here for the Summit Agenda
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Wednesday, September 22

1:20 to 2:30: Ensuring Linguistic Competence for all Persons with IDD, their Families, and the Communities in which They Live, Presented by Tawara Goode and Wendy Jones
PowerPoint Presentation

2:35 to 3:45: An Overview of the NYS Language Access Program, Presented by Andrea Garcia-Salazar
PowerPoint Presentation
NYS Language Access Policy, EO 26.1
NYS Agency Language Access Plans

Thursday, September 23

1:10 to 2:20: NYS Office for New Americans Ramirez June Initiative: Let’s Talk Language Access, Presented by Laura V. Gonzalez-Murphy, Jenny Munoz, and Cynthia Stewart
PowerPoint Presentation
Handout 1 - Ramirez June Initiative
Handout 2 - ONA Services One Pager

2:35 to 3:45: Working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population, Presented by Jodie Chibi and David Wantuck
Friday, September 24

1:10 to 2:20: Making The Change, A Preview of AHRC Nassau's Journey to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Presented by Bridget Cariello, Shaun Weathers, and Dr. Hassan M. Abdulhaqq
PowerPoint Presentation
AHRC Nassau’s Post Event Survey and Information Sign Up

2:35 to 3:15: LEP and Deaf and Hard Hearing “Stronger Together”, Presented by Marlene Cortès
PowerPoint Presentation

3:20 to 3:45: Continuing the Conversation: A Facilitated Discussion on Improving Language Access in DD Services, Presented by Jenean Castillo, William Tronsor, and Jackie Hayes
To Be Informed of Future CoP Events

About the CoP:
The mission of the New York CoP is to increase access to information about the developmental disabilities network, developmental disabilities services, supports, and individual rights through outreach, training, and education for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families who have limited English proficiency. [https://ddpc.ny.gov/cultural-competency](https://ddpc.ny.gov/cultural-competency)

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