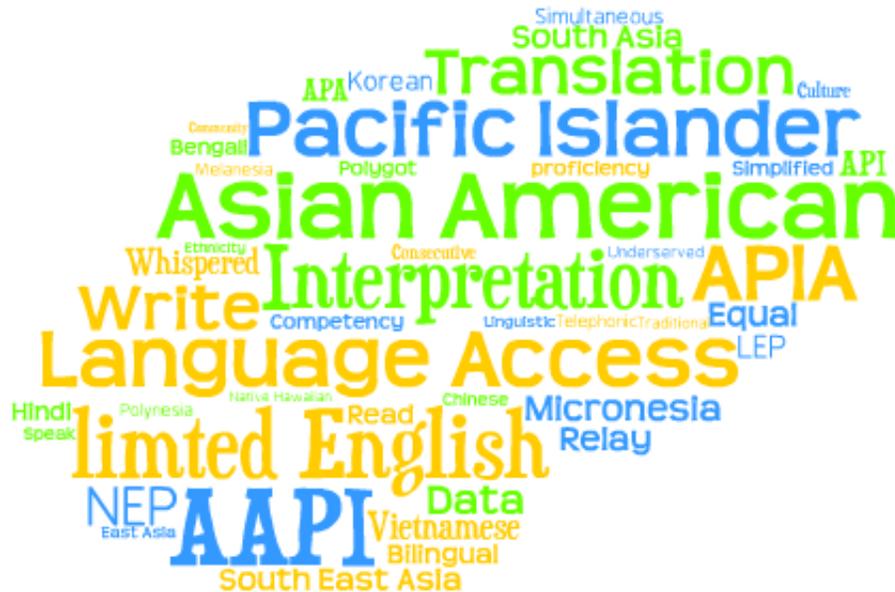


AAPI Language Lines

a newsletter on aapi and language access resources

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FEATURE

OAPIA Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Language Access Act

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) launched its celebration of the 10th year anniversary of the Language Access Act at the Community Room of the Residences at Gallery Place on January 29, 2014. The event was an intimate breakfast where OAPIA kicked off its year-long initiative to celebrate ten years of language access in the District of Columbia. The diverse audience was made up of DC government leaders, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) organizations and community leaders, members from the Language Access Coalition, and other interested parties.

The goal of OAPIA's year-long initiative is to celebrate the passage of the Language Access Act and explore its effect on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the District. OAPIA will also highlight its role in the implementation of the act over the past 10 years and provide recommendations for future work. For more information about these projects, please visit www.apia.dc.gov.



Language Access Program at OAPIA

Providing Technical Assistance to all District agencies

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs' Language Access Program is working towards building a global city where District programs and government services are delivered at a high level. The mission of OAPIA's Language Access Program is to help ensure District Agencies provide programs

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)

Celebrates

The 10th Anniversary of the Language Access Act



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10 for 10
10 highlights of OAPIA's resources on language access in the District of Columbia

2014: A Language Odyssey
Policy report and panel discussion on the effects of the Act on the District's AAPIs

I got a story to tell
Stories about the District's AAPIs who are impacted by the Act

Language Arts
An AAPI artistic perspective on the Act

Groundbroken
A reception celebrating the AAPI pioneers of Language Access



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and services to DC's limited and non-English proficient (LEP/NEP) Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents and merchants at a high level through technical assistance, policy guidance, and education.

ASIAN AMERICAN FACT
1 out of 5 Vietnamese American District residents are limited English proficient.*

*The 2012 American Community Survey



For more information about OAPIA's Language Access Program please visit <http://apia.dc.gov/service/aapi-language-access> or contact Neel Saxena at neel.saxena@dc.gov

Language Access Articles

Reports, articles, resources on Language Access

Below is a list of articles on language and language access related issues and programs from across the country. These articles can serve as references for you to help develop your Agency's language access programs.



Without an interpreter to help rape victim testify, alleged rapist walks free and finds another victim

How Language Seems To Shape One's View Of The World

Interpreters and Translators Among Most In-Demand & High-Paying Jobs of 2014

Justice Bridget McCormack: Intrepreters will help state's court system to be fair

What Language Is Hardest to Learn?

Asian American and Pacific Islander Articles

Reports, articles, resources on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Below is a list of articles on Asian American and Pacific Islander issues and programs from across the country. These articles can serve as references for you to help develop your Agency's programs and services.



As Parents Age, Asian-Americans Struggle to Obey a Cultural Code

NPR: Honoring A Japanese-American Who Fought Against Internment Camps

The Skinny: Asians are the thinnest Americans but that doesn't mean they're the healthiest

Interracial marriage comes with unique challenges

Growing Up Half Asian American: Curse Or Gift?

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