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**Benefits and applications**

# Considerations regarding language access:

- The scope of language access in state courts
  - Language Access in court
  - Language Access for all other programs and services
- Boundaries, responsibilities and obligations
  - Courts
  - Advocates & justice partners, etc.
  - Public

# Considerations regarding language access:

- Legal obligation
  - Access to a Qualified interpreter
- Necessity
  - Demographic considerations
  - Practical
    - Communicating with the LEP
    - Communicating with the DHH
- The role of a court provided interpreter
  - Ethical and evidential issues
  - Financial considerations

# Potential benefits: state courts

- Compliance with federal and state laws
  - Language access in court
  - Language access for all court programs and services
- Quality
  - Certified (competent, trained and experienced) interpreter
- Efficiency
  - Reciprocity
  - On demand
  - Cost effective
- Accountability
  - Service provider
  - Interpreter
  - Public

# Potential benefits: state courts

- Video-based practices:
  - Court hearings
  - Interviews (juveniles, drug court, pretrial, etc)
  - HR functions
  - Remote training and continuing education
    - Judges, clerks, court employees, interpreters, etc.

# Potential Benefits: other stakeholders

- Attorneys
- Advocates
- ADR
- Various justice partners
- Public
  - Interactive web-based service interface
  - Pro-Se litigants
    - Access to an interpreter
    - Access to an attorney