

LANGUAGE SERVICES

Inability to understand English, low literacy or a disability affecting speech should not be barriers accessing HIV-related services and care.

Many, many languages are spoken in Los Angeles County and service providers are not typically equipped to deliver services in every one of these languages.

Many providers are expanding their range of services to accommodate those with special language needs, however.

If you speak a language other than English, have a communication-related disability or do not read or speak English well, ask to

have your needs accommodated.

In addition, there are services available which can help you improve your communication skills or study to take a General Educational Development (GED) test to earn a high school equivalency certificate. Ask for a referral to these services.

What Services are Available?

Many service-providers are able to provide assistance in English and Spanish,

accommodate persons with communication-related disabilities (vision or hearing impairment) and refer you to organizations that can provide additional services.

You should tell a case manager or other staff member about your particular need as soon as you contact a provider since they may need advance notice to find an interpreter.

If a provider tells you they cannot accommodate your needs, ask for a referral.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

-For the most up-to-date Language Services listing visit www.hivla.org