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## CRCL Provides Language Access Technical Assistance to Law Enforcement (February 2013)

CRCL leads language access initiatives for DHS Components and Offices. As part of this work, CRCL provides technical assistance and guidance for all levels of law enforcement on meeting requirements under Executive Order 13166 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). Recently, CRCL conducted two language access technical assistance sessions with local law enforcement agencies and Border Patrol in Washington state. The sessions were developed in light of a recent CBP policy that provides direction to CBP officers on procedures for handling language interpretation requests from local law enforcement.



A linguist who regularly works with the FBI was on-hand during the sessions to provide expert advice on how to work with language interpreters. CRCL also provided a number of language access resource materials for law enforcement, including the [Speak pocket guides, posters, and job aides](#), and the newly released [LEP Guide for Law Enforcement](#).

In addition to the technical assistance sessions, CRCL held its quarterly Seattle community engagement roundtable and conducted two Northern border community listening sessions to hear concerns regarding language access provisions by law enforcement. CRCL will continue to engage with communities along the Northern border as part of its community engagement mission.

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