



# PRESS RELEASE

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## INTERPRETER SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN FAMILY LAW

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**— San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is excited to announce the expansion of interpreter services for all Family Law courtroom proceedings effective November 14, 2022.

With this expansion, court interpreters are now provided at no cost in all of the following case types:

- Criminal and Traffic
- Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency
- Child Support (AB 1058)
- Mental Health
- Domestic Violence Protective Order
- Elder or Dependent Adult Protective Order
- Civil Harassment Protective Order
- Landlord/Tenant
- Guardianship and Conservatorship
- Family Law

SBSC is working towards full expansion of interpreter services, with the final phases of small claims and civil litigation planned for mid-2023.

Advanced notice is required for all interpreter needs. If an interpreter is not requested in advance, and one is not readily available, the case may be continued until one can be assigned. Spoken language interpreters may be provided for courtroom proceedings in other case types on a limited basis as resources allow. Any party requiring a sign language interpreter may request services from courtroom staff or the facility's ADA Coordinator.

Through new and ongoing funding, SBSC can begin to realize its long-term goal of expanding and improving meaningful access to justice to our richly diverse and dynamic population. We thank the Judicial Council, state legislators, and the community for their continued partnership. We look forward to further collaborations and support as we commit to providing language access in all languages (pursuant to Government Code §68092.1.).

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