

Forum on Language and Disability Access

Theme:

From Bilingual to Qualified: How Agencies Assess Language Proficiency

Date and Time:

Tuesday, May 12, 2025 (1pm-3pm) Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Place:

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Agenda:

The times provided below are approximations for when each agenda item is anticipated to be discussed (all times Eastern Standard Time):

1:00 P.M.–1:05 P.M. -Welcome and Introductions

1:05 P.M.–1:10 P.M.-Opening Keynote – Steven Ford, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

1:10 P.M.–1:30 P.M.-Presentation – *Tips on Spanish Language Assessment for Bilingual Staff*. By Montserrat Serra, DMAS Civil Rights Manager

1:30 P.M.–2:45 P.M.-Panel Discussion

- **Alicia Scholer**, Language Access Coordinator, Community Engagement Team, Office of Innovation and Economic Development, City of Sacramento
- **Eric Raff**, Director, Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (VDDHH)
- **Yan Ma**, Office of County Executive Kathy Klausmeier, Historic Courthouse, Language Access Coordinator
- **Elizabeth Hill**, NJ Department of Human Services, Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (*Tentative*)

2:45 P.M.–2:55 P.M.-Q&A

2:55 P.M.–3:00 P.M-Closing

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