

HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR ASL INTERPRETERS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

THE EARLIER, THE BETTER

Send your request before the appointment or event to give them enough time to identify, contact, and schedule the interpreter or other accommodation provider.

This may be their first experience with accommodations.

If they need more information about the law and your rights, show them the advocacy letter.



FOLLOW UP

Did you get the name of the person responsible for disability accommodations or get a confirmation email?

Make sure they know that you made a request.

As it gets closer to the date of the appointment or event, check in with them to make sure they are working on your request.



ALL TALK?

Don't rely on a verbal agreement. Make sure your request is also sent to them in writing by sending them an email or a letter. Make sure you keep copies of your requests and their responses.



RECOMMENDATIONS

If you have a list of interpreters, interpreter agencies, or other accommodation providers that you know and trust, share this information with them when you make your request.



NO TIME TO WASTE

Let them know that they need to contact the providers immediately. The longer they wait, the harder it is to find qualified interpreters or other accommodation providers.



OTHER RESOURCES

If they still have questions about your request after reading the advocacy letter, encourage them to contact the NAD.



<https://www.nad.org/resources/advocacy-letters/>

