



Communication Access Services Program for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Individuals

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind (CCDHHDB) provides qualified sign language interpreting, live captioning via Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), and other communication access services for deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind individuals involved in Colorado State Court and state administrative proceedings.

This program is called Legal Communication Access Services (LCAS) and covers:

- Colorado State Court civil and criminal proceedings.
- Colorado State Court ordered alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration, and other court-ordered treatment and services related to the disposition of a case.
- State administrative, commission, or agency hearings.
- Hearings of a licensing authority of the state.
- Grand jury or jury proceedings.
- When a juvenile whose parent(s) or legal guardians(s) are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind is brought before a court for any reason.
- Probation pre-sentence interviews and supervision.
- Meetings at the courthouse between an attorney and a client when the meeting is an extension of a court appearance.

Note: the [Denver Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services](#) handles communication services requests for the City and County of Denver, including Denver County Courts.

The LCAS program also oversees credentialing qualified legal/courtroom sign language interpreters and CART captioners. A list of qualified providers is available online. This list may be used by law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel. See C.R.S. §§ 13-90-204(d) & (f) and § 13-90-205.

For communication access services in municipal courts, contact those courts directly. CCDHHDB has another program called Rural Communication Access Services (RCAS) that provides assistance to rural municipal courts. Contact CCDHHDB for more information.

To contact CCDHHDB or for more information, visit <https://ccdhhdb.colorado.gov>, email cas.ccdhhdb@state.co.us, or call 720-457-3679.