



# ***CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS***

**2015 Annual Language Access Conference  
Friday, August 14, 2015 - 8:30am to 4:30pm**

## **Language Access, Social Justice & Hawaii's COFA Residents**

Manoa Grand Ballroom - Japanese Cultural Center Ballroom  
2454 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

This year's Language Access conference will provide its attendees the opportunity to explore language access and social justice issues as they relate to Hawaii's residents from the COFA (Compacts of Free Association) states, which include the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae); the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau. The conference aims to provide a specific focus on Health Care, Homelessness, and Education.

Our COFA residents are too often marginalized and face daunting challenges in accessing the services we aim to provide for them. The conference will feature in-depth discussions of historical contexts; recent lawsuits; personal experiences; and perspectives from our COFA residents and social service providers alike. Our examination will emphasize this population's understanding of their rights and responsibilities.

If you believe you can contribute as a panelist or to give a short presentation (15-20 minutes) on a topic referenced above, please submit a statement of interest to [ola@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:ola@doh.hawaii.gov) that includes (1) details on what topics you can contribute, and in what capacity; and (2) your contact information.

Thank you for your commitment to language access.