



# *you have a* **RIGHT**



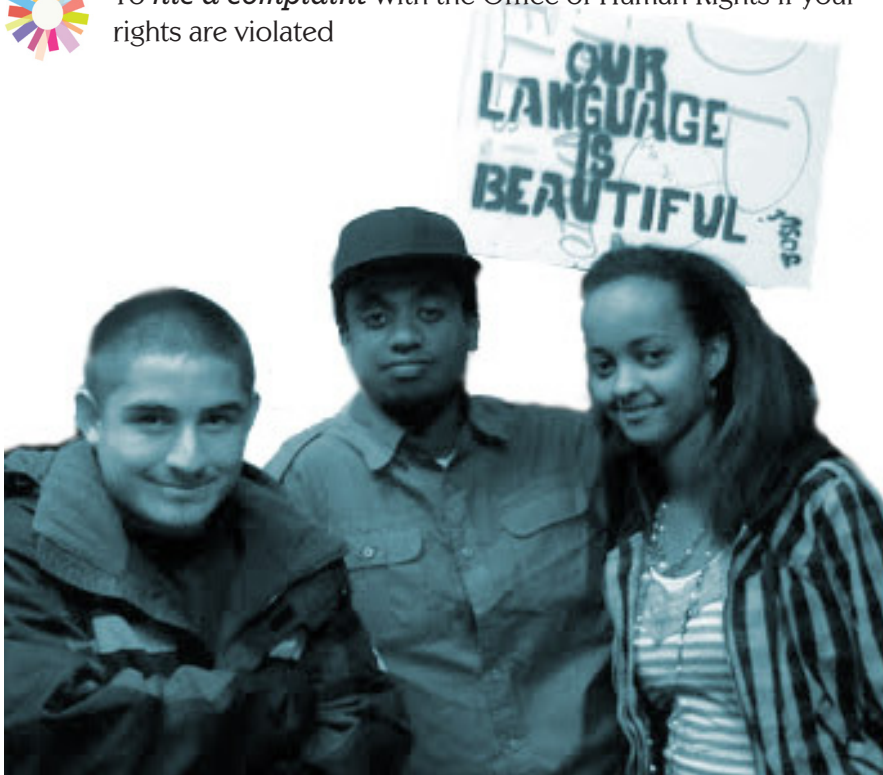
To receive *interpretation services*, at no cost to you, at DC government agencies



To receive *translation* of certain essential documents



To *file a complaint* with the Office of Human Rights if your rights are violated



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*Expanding opportunities for Limited- and Non-English-Proficient DC residents to participate in public programs*

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# community ORGANIZING



## *Know Your Rights Trainings*

inform community members of their rights under 2004's Language Access Act, which guarantees a right to interpretation and translation services at public entities, as well as the right to file a complaint if rights are violated.

## *SMART (Student Multiethnic Action Research Team)*

is a youth-led decision-making body which advocates and organizes for better education for English as a Second Language students and their families.



## *Community Health Organizing*

equips Limited- and Non-English Proficient community members with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully navigate DC's health care system. Health Organizing includes the Nail Salon Project, which educates nail salon workers about their right to language access, plus industry-specific health and safety concerns. The Nail Salon Project is a joint endeavor with the Vietnamese American Community Service Center.



## *The DC Language Access Coalition*

In 2002, a group of advocates and lawyers in DC recognized the barriers limited- and non-English speakers were facing in accessing government benefits and services. They came together to advocate for the passage of the DC Language Access Act in 2004, and formed the DC Language Access Coalition to enforce the Act.

Coalition member organizations provide legal, housing, health and education services to DC's Limited- and Non-English Proficient communities. The Coalition is united in the belief that all residents of DC deserve equitable access to public services. The Coalition meets with DC government agencies to assist them in making equitable access a reality.

Many Languages One Voice administers, and is a member of, the DC Language Access Coalition. The Coalition monitors government compliance with the Language Access Act, and amplifies the concerns of Limited- and Non-English Proficient individuals.



# government ACCOUNTABILITY