



JNCL-NCLIS Fact Sheet

Our Mission. Ensure that Americans have the opportunity to learn English and at least one other language, to advance the language profession in the US, and to raise awareness about the importance of language and international education to the national interest.

Our Vision. We envision a world where the Language Enterprise facilitates the free movement of people, information, and ideas; builds mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural and linguistic diversity; and promotes the personal development of the individual.

Who We Are. Established in 1972, the **Joint National Committee for Languages (JNCL)** and the **National Council for Languages and International Studies (NCLIS)** represent the Language Enterprise to the US government and business community. Our membership includes over 130 organizations, which employ more than 300,000 language professionals globally. Together, we form an all-inclusive network and encompass all areas of the language field: exchanges, research, technology, translation, interpretation, localization, testing and more.

We Speak Language Policy To Those in Power. Here's How:

- **ADVANCE** language and international education policies;
- **RAISE AWARENESS** of language as a profession with the public, government, businesses, and the media;
- **COMMUNICATE** timely and relevant policy updates and action alerts to our membership and the public;
- **BUILD** coalitions among national, regional and state groups to achieve public policy objectives
- **LOBBY** the Legislative and Executive branches of the US Government;
- **MONITOR** budget and legislation to maintain and augment sustainable funding for language and international education programs;
- **TRACK** legislative and policy developments at the federal and state levels affecting all areas related to languages and international education; and
- **NETWORK** with leaders of the Congressional and the Executive branches to translate Language Enterprise priorities into legislative and policy action.

The Future is Multilingual: Become a Member.

Members-Only Benefits include:

- Opportunity to network at the federal level.
- One-on-one policy consultation to strategize and execute state- and local-level advocacy campaigns.
- Research-based one-pagers, white papers, briefs designed for your needs.
- Coordination of and preparation for Congressional and state meetings.
- Public relations consulting and management.
- Opportunity to network with thousands of specialists in language education PK-20, research, training, assessment, translation, interpreting, and localization.
- Participation in the **National Language Advocate of the Year Award Program** during our annual conference, *Language Advocacy Day*, in Washington, DC.

For more, visit us at www.languagepolicy.org

We look forward to working for you.