



## How to Request Accompaniment for Immigration-Related Appointments in Western WA

CCGS Accompaniment Hotline: **(253) 343-1410** | Email: **CCGS.accompaniment@gmail.com**

CCGS Hotline Days & Hours of Operation: **Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

English Request Form - <http://bit.ly/CCGS-RequestAccompaniment-English>

Spanish Request Form - <http://bit.ly/CCGS-SolicitudAcompañamiento-Español>

- ➔ Hotline volunteers speak English & Spanish.
- ➔ Submit your request with as much lead time as possible, and at least 4 business days prior to your appointment.

### The role of an accompaniment volunteer:

- ❖ Offer a friendly, supportive presence so that the person or family does not have to go to the appointment alone in what are often confusing or hostile environments.
- ❖ Support the requester as they navigate a complex government process, and when asked, leverage their English skills, citizenship privilege or familiarity with how a process works.
- ❖ *Volunteers cannot provide legal support.* If you are seeking legal counsel, we can offer you referrals.
- ❖ Volunteers have gone through CCGS training and signed confidentiality agreements.

### Types of accompaniment you can request:

- USCIS appointments in Tukwila- biometrics (fingerprints) and interviews.
- Ankle bracelet monitoring check-in at BI Inc. in Tukwila.
- Administrative appointments in King County. Ex: Social Security cards, driver's licenses & WA state IDs, passports, name changes, food stamps.
- Other types of appointments will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on volunteer & organizational capacity.

*CCGS is partnering with the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) to expand our volunteer training for these types of accompaniment requests, starting in 2020:*

- State Court (non-immigration court) accompaniment where there is a fear of ICE presence.
- NW Detention Center Bond Hearings in Tacoma.