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# **CHILD INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS:**

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Children have more language ability thanks to the neuroplasticity of their developing brain. Facilitating communication between people heightens your empathy for others. **Let's preserve their languages and encourage them to become even more proficient.**

The topic and terminology of interpreted conversations are rarely appropriate for the cognitive, linguistic, and maturity level of children. **Let's protect their innocence and give them their proper place in the dialogue.**

The consequences of poor quality interpretation and low level of understanding can be very serious. **Let's be responsible and aware of the social, emotional and legal ramifications of poor communication.**

Studies report that children who interpret feel: Overwhelmed, stressed, depressed, confused, have low self-esteem and experience greater family conflict. **Let's take care of our children.**

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