

Interpreter Responsibilities in the Natural Environment

- **All** communication within the parents' and child's environment is important to the relationship building process of our program. Even comments that seem unrelated to the child; a small joke or funny story, are important to learning and understanding the families priorities and needs.
- Interpret **all** communication between:
 - parent and child
 - parents or other family members
 - early interventionist and parent
 - early interventionist and interpreter
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- The early interventionist will be addressing (with eye contact) the parent during all discussions. **All** communication should be interpreted at the pause. If you need the early interventionist to repeat what they have said or pause more frequently to ensure all information is correctly interpreted, please don't hesitate to ask.
- Refer any questions asked by the parent or family member back to the early interventionist.
- Refrain from making suggestions based upon personal experiences, even if directly asked by the parent. **Any** discussion related to the interpreter's experiences should be an open discussion with the early interventionist to provide coaching and support related to this specific family's needs with evaluated best practice suggestions.
- **All** information discussed and shared is protected by state and federal law, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). **Information regarding the child or family should not be disclosed or discussed in any way with other parties.**

- Let the early interventionist know if the child has said a word, phrase, or word approximation in their primary language. Even a sound or part of a word that relates to the activity is important to their language development status.

Thank you for your help and support. You are an integral part of our team!