

When may a local health department use a client's friend or family member as an interpreter?

Friends or family members may be used only if two conditions are met:

- The client asks to use the friend or family member after being advised of the right to free language assistance, and
- Use of the friend or family member does not compromise the effectiveness of the service or violate confidentiality.

Minor children should not be used as interpreters except in emergencies or other extenuating circumstances.