Child Interpreters and Translators

Is it right or wrong for our children to "translate" for us?

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.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A QUALIFIED INTERPRETER or TRANSLATOR
REQUEST LANGUAGE ACCESS IN ADVANCE!

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