

Screening of Robert Winn Documentary “Childhood in Translation”

Group Exercise.

This film is about children being asked to do something (interpreting) for which they don't feel prepared or competent. Since the communication that was interpreted often was extremely important (health, legal matters, etc.) the children felt that the stakes were high and worried about making a mistake.

Please think about a time in your life when you were asked to do a task for which you were not prepared. Take a moment to describe what it was. Then answer the questions that follow. Please share these with your group and then each group will report back to the larger group. Thanks!

Describe the experience. (your age, when it happened, what the consequences would be etc.)

What were your feelings about the task you performed?

If you went ahead and did the task, what made you go forward?

Finally, how do you think you or your agency could use the film as a training tool?

Were there things that regularly come up as an issue in training about language access that you felt the film didn't cover? Please list them and give any suggestions for how to raise those issues. Thanks again for your participation!