

## Markers (indicate the need for a CDI)

Note: Some states may be stable (long-lasting, permanent, such as Cerebral Palsy, vision challenges, brain injury, etc.), while others may be temporary (stress, anger, treatable mental issues, etc.). When states are temporary, this means the same client is likely to require the services of a CDI in one instance and not in another.

- **Time Constraints/Pressure**  
DI can work with HI to 'protect the space for interpretation'
- Isolation/Lack of Exposure**  
Topic/Subject Matter
- **World Knowledge/Experience**  
Language  
Culture
- **Mental Limitations/Cognitive Issues**
- **Psychological/Mental Illness**
- **Physical Factors**  
Visual (difficulty in seeing)
- **Mechanical (difficulty in sign production**  
such as Cerebral Palsy, missing body parts)
- Sensitivity of Topic/Situation**  
➤ High emotion (Ex: anger, frustration, excitement)  
Requirement for high cultural competence
- Complexity**  
Abstract/Concrete topics
- **Presence of Another Language (Signed/Spoken)**  
Contact
- **Competence**  
Fluency

### *Risk of Harm of Any Kind*

*The greater the risk, the greater the need to be vigilant in meeting the need*

Adversarial vs. Collaborative Environment

➤ -The atypical signer may be more easily confused, misled, taken advantage of, discounted, or simply overlooked (EX: court, IRS, some financial situations).

➤ High - Low Stakes  
The higher the stakes the greater the need to be vigilant of the need