

Considerations for & Likelihood of a Need for a Specialist

Language Use, World Experience, & Abilities of Deaf Consumer...	Stakes of the Situation...					Do I Need to Call a Specialist?
	Low Stakes (Affecting Health, Employment, Relationships, Esteem, or Reputation) Medium Stakes (Somewhat Affecting Health, Employment, Relationships, Esteem, or Reputation) High Stakes (Seriously Affecting Liberty, Health, or Employment) Very High stakes (Life or Death)					
Idiosyncratic &/or Extremely Atypical Signing, plus severe lack of exposure/world knowledge	Medium	High	High	Very High	Very High	Almost Certainly
Heavily Atypical signing, plus serious lack of exposure/world knowledge	Low	Medium	High	High	Very High	Likely
Atypical signing, plus serious gaps in exposure/world knowledge	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Possibly
Somewhat Atypical signing, plus gaps in exposure/world knowledge	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Unlikely
ASL primary language of communication typical barriers to mainstream culture and communication.	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Rarely
Any Deaf consumer can benefit from the use of a DI regardless of indicators listed below depending on stakes including minors, senior citizens, and typical language users.						