

# Tips to help with Communication with someone who wears Hearing Aids

- ♥ Speak clearly, at a normal rate
- ♥ Make pauses and check the person's understanding
- ♥ Avoid speaking too loud or unnaturally slow
- ♥ Prefer face-to-face communication
- ♥ Keep hands or other barriers away from your face
- ♥ Avoid speaking with your mouth full or chewing gum
- ♥ Prefer a well lit room
- ♥ Avoid conversations from another room
- ♥ Get the person's attention (ex.: say his name, tap on his shoulder, establish eye contact, etc.)
- ♥ Prefer quiet environments for conversations
- ♥ In a noisy place, allow the person to sit with his back against a wall
- ♥ At the restaurant, choose a table away from the kitchen and bar. Choose a banquette if it's available.
- ♥ Acquaint the person with the general topic of conversation and offer reminders when you feel you are losing the person's attention
- ♥ In all circumstances, **BE PATIENT !**