

TIPS for
COMMUNICATING
WITH SOMEONE WHO IS
HARD of HEARING
or **ORAL DEAF**



GET THE PERSON'S ATTENTION FIRST!



FACE THE PERSON – HAVE LIGHT ON YOUR FACE



SPEAK UP, BUT DO NOT SHOUT



SPEAK SLOWLY AND CLEARLY – DON'T OVEREMPHASIZE



CUT OUT BACKGROUND NOISE BY TURNING OFF TV OR RADIO



DON'T HIDE YOUR MOUTH WITH YOUR HAND OR AN OBJECT



REPHRASE RATHER THAN REPEAT A MISUNDERSTOOD SENTENCE



WRITE IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE SURE IT IS UNDERSTOOD



HAVE THE PERSON REPEAT VITAL FACTS TO BE SURE THEY ARE CORRECT

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