



## COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

**Gain Attention** – Approach from the front and face the person as you move closer. *An unexpected touch can cause a startle.*

**Evaluate The Environment** – Noise level should be low, area should be well lit and free of glare, setting should be free of distractions and at a controlled comfortable temperature.

**Simplify Your Message** – Stay on topic, use familiar words and uncomplicated sentence structure and content.

**Control Speech And Emotions** – Slow down your rate of speech, articulate and slightly increase your volume.

Regular hearing aid use is like exercise for the brain. Otherwise, the brain experiences auditory deprivation. The "auditory maps" in the brain fade when they have not been activated for a period of time.