



**CHIP's** Resource Centre can help you find assistive devices that will allow you to communicate better and function more independently.

In the friendly environment of our Resource Centre, a knowledgeable CHIP volunteer will:

- talk with you about your specific hearing challenges,
- suggest some types of devices that could help you, and
- give you a "hands-on" demonstration.

We carry equipment from a broad range of manufacturers – so that you can decide which assistive device is best for you.

**We do not sell any products, so there is no pressure to buy.**

**Visits are FREE, whether you are a member of CHIP or not.**

**You need an appointment. Please call the CHIP office: (514) 482-0500, local 215.**

Depending on your hearing loss, you may be eligible to obtain some devices at no charge through government subsidized programs. If this is the case, CHIP will refer you to the MAB-Mackay Services for Assistive Technology.



# Find out how assistive devices can make your life easier, safer and more enjoyable!

## Assistive Listening Devices

Some types of assistive devices send sound directly into the ear or your hearing aid, bypassing the airspace. This helps to reduce or eliminate background noise.



## Personal Listening Systems

Some of these systems are designed for use in a small group, others are helpful in one-to-one conversations in places such as automobiles, meeting rooms, and restaurants. Some systems use wires and others are wireless.

## TV and Audio Listening Systems

Designed for listening to TV, radio, or stereo without interference from surrounding noise or the need to use very high volume.



There are models available for use with or without hearing aids.

## Telephone Amplifying Devices

- hearing-aid compatible telephones that can be used by a person whose hearing aid is in the "T" position,
- specially adapted telephones with adjustable loud ringers and adjustable amplified incoming volume, and
- amplifying devices that attach to a regular telephone receiver.



Most of these devices have volume controls so that they can be used comfortably by people with and without hearing loss.



## Alerting Devices

You may also benefit from signaling devices that alert you to certain sounds (doorbell, phone, smoke detector, alarm clock) with a flashing light or a vibration. These devices are particularly useful when you are not wearing your hearing aid – for example, when you are sleeping.

## Other types of assistive technology

**Auditorium Type Assistive Listening Systems:** Many auditoriums, theatres, churches, and synagogues are equipped with special sound systems for people with hearing loss. Ask about these systems, and if they are available, try them out. And let us know what you think.

**Direct Audio Input Hearing Aids** are hearing aids with audio input connections that can be connected to TV, stereo, tape, and radio as well as to microphones, personal FM systems and other assistive devices. Ask your audiologist or acoustician for more information.

## You have a good hearing aid, but...

Sometimes, even with consistent and appropriate use of your hearing aid and communication strategies, you may still have a hard time in certain situations:

- watching TV,
- talking on the phone,
- dining out with friends,
- attending lectures or services,
- hearing the doorbell or the phone ring.

## Assistive Technology may be the answer

Assistive listening devices (ALDs) can help you hear what's important – a voice, a speaker, music – by increasing the loudness of the desired sound and by minimizing or eliminating background noise.

Other assistive devices can alert you to important signals you don't hear easily – the doorbell, telephone, alarm clock – by transforming the sound into tactile or visual signals.

Some assistive devices are used in combination with your hearing aid, while others are designed to be used instead of your hearing aid.

## Don't wait. Make an appointment today

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### CHIP

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CHIP is located at the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre on Decarie Blvd, just north of Sherbrooke St

By Metro:

Villa Maria (the closest station) - walk south on Decarie Blvd

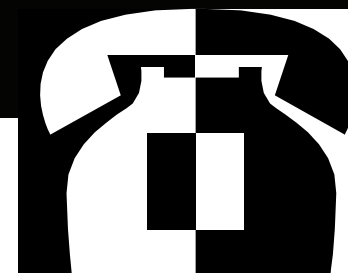
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**CHIP** is a non-profit volunteer organization that is working to make life a little easier and the world a friendlier place for the hearing impaired.

# When a hearing aid is not enough

## ...We have solutions



### The Lily Bernstein Resource and Technical Aids Centre