

## Visit the Resource Centre

When you visit the Resource Centre we will help you find assistive listening devices that allow you to communicate better and function more independently.

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

- talk to you about your specific listening requirements,
- suggest some possible types of devices that you could benefit from, and
- give you a "hands-on" demonstration of assistive listening devices.

We carry equipment from a broad range of manufacturers – so that you can decide which assistive listening 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, so give us a call at the CHIP office (514) 482-0500, local 215.**



## Find out about ALDs and how they can make your life easier!

There are many types of ALDs (assistive listening devices) available today. Here are the basic categories you can try at the Centre:

**Personal Listening Systems** are designed to carry sound from the speaker (or other source) directly to the listener and to minimize background noises.



Some of these systems use wires, and others are wireless. Some 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.

**TV Listening Systems** are designed for listening to TV, radio, or your 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 designed telephone receivers that amplify sound, and
- amplifying devices that attach to a regular telephone receiver.

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



### Alerting devices

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

### Other types of ALDs:

**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.

## You could use more help...

An **Assistive Listening Device (ALD)** may be the answer.

An ALD 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.

An ALD 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 ALDs are used with your hearing aid, others are designed to be used instead of your hearing aid.

## We are located at the Mackay Centre

CHIP  
3500 Decarie Blvd.  
Montreal, Quebec H4A 3J5

By Metro: Walk north from the Vendome metro station, or south from Villa Maria.

Driving: From the Decarie Expressway, exit at Sherbrooke St. Turn east on Sherbrooke and then north on Decarie Blvd.

Call or fax to make an appointment:

**Tel:** (514) 482-0500 Local 215

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**See our website for more information:**

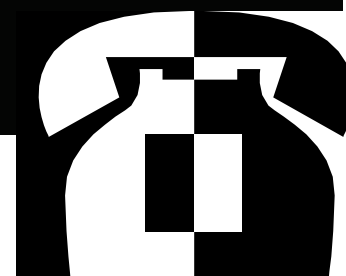
[www.hearhear.org](http://www.hearhear.org)



**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