

ACCESSIBILITY & SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS

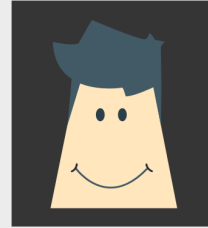
A Resource for Serving Older Adults

Speak Naturally:

articulate at a volume comfortable for both of you



Be patient & smile!



Focus & speak directly to the **patron**, not their caregiver or companion

HEARING TIPS



Use a sound system to amplify

Offer assistive listening devices



DID YOU KNOW?

At age 65,



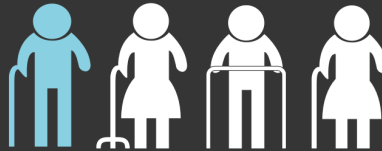
1 in 3 people has hearing loss

Percentage with Vision Loss



65 - 74 years: 12.2%
75 + years: 15.2%

1 in 4 older adults use a mobility device



Every year,

1 IN 3

adults aged 65+ falls

VISION TIPS

Keep areas



well-lit

Make signage

LARGE & bright

with high contrast

MOBILITY TIPS

Provide seating for people to rest (example: a chair in the lobby)



Mobility equipment is the extension of a person's body: ask permission before touching or moving equipment



BE BARRIER FREE!

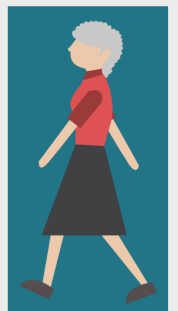


Clear ice from facility entrances & parking spaces

Have easily manipulated door & fixtures

Provide programming during daylight hours

Offer transportation options



SOURCES: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, Hearing Loss Association of America, American Foundation for the Blind, National Council on Aging

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