

**Monday October 18**  
**10:30 a.m. to Noon**

**Might be Interesting if I Could Hear What They  
Were Saying**

**COMPONENTS OF COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY**

Can your membership be actively involved and enjoy all activities offered in your centre? Will you be ready to meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) legislative requirements? The Canadian Hearing Society can work with you and your clients to make this a reality.

Key Learning Objectives:

1. Learn how the Canadian Hearing Society can assist you to identify barriers participants with a hearing loss face when they try to engage in programs in your Centre.
2. How can you set up a successful forum for good communication?
3. Discussion and demonstration of current technology available to add to existing facilities and new builds. Will you be ready to meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) legislative requirements?

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