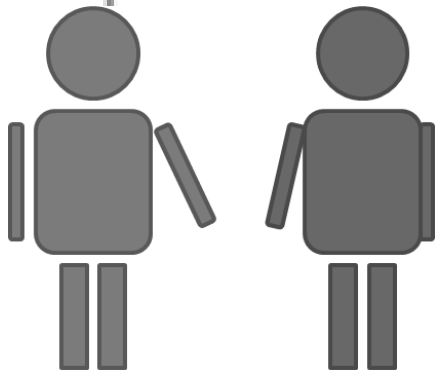


Who Can Participate?

Adults who are...

- ✓ Age 60 years or older
- ✓ English-speaking
- ✓ Have hearing loss
- ✓ Not currently using a hearing aid
- ✓ Can bring someone they talk to daily



Study participants will receive the following:

- 1) Free hearing screening in your building
- 2) Free hearing device
- 3) \$15 gift certificate for each focus group

If you are interested in participating or learning more about the Baltimore HEARS Study...

Please contact the research study coordinator,

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OR

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The Baltimore HEARS Study:

Hearing health care
Equality through
Accessible
Research and
Solutions



What is this study about?

Hearing loss is very common and has a lot of effects on our health and our relationships. Hearing loss is not commonly diagnosed and often is not treated. There are not many affordable and accessible choices to help with hearing.

This is a research study to learn about hearing loss from people like you and to learn if a new hearing amplification device can help people with their hearing.



What do Study Participants have to do?

If you agree to be in this research study, we will ask you to complete surveys about your hearing, the device, how often you see family and friends, and your quality of life.

We will also ask you to do the following:

- 1) Free hearing screening in your building
- 2) Attend a session to learn how to use the hearing device with a friend, partner, or spouse in your building
- 3) Wear the hearing device for 3 months
- 4) Answer questions about your hearing, the device and your quality of life 1 month and 3 months after wearing it
- 5) You may attend focus groups to share your thoughts and experiences

How long is the study?

You will be asked to answer questions about your hearing 1 month and 3 months after you get the device. The study ends after 3 months.

Hearing
amplification
device



At the end of the study, you will be able to keep the hearing device at no cost.

WHERE will the study be located?

All study visits will take place in your Weinberg building.