ASSESS AND IMPROVE YOUR SUPERVISION SKILLS Supplemental Handout

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ONE NOT SO POSITIVE EXPERIENCE I HAD AS A SUPERVISEE:

ARE YOU HEARING OR LISTENING?

Not often	Sometimes	Mostly	Always
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TEN STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR LISTENING SKILLS

Show attentiveness by facing the speaker directly									
Show interest by maintaining eye contact									
Avoid pre-judging worthiness of message based on appearance, position, vocabulary, pronunciation									
Listen for the speaker's intent and what is important to him/her									
Avoid tuning out to prepare your response while the other person is speaking									
Ask questions to clarify speaker's meaning									
Avoid interrupting the speaker									
Encourage the speaker by smiling or nodding									
Before answering, pause and consider the speaker's viewpoint so you can be tactful									
Avoid trying to have the last word									