## **Nonverbal Communication Strategies**





- Limit use.
- Avoid hands in pockets, arms folded, and hand wringing.
- Nervous? Put hands to sides.

**Hand Gestures** 



- Be aware of your own personal space.
- Give others personal space.

**Proximity** 



- Stay aware.
- Keep a calm and neutral facial expression.
- React genuinely to positive triggers.

**Facial Expressions** 



- Keep straight posture.
- Lean forward.
- Keep body facing other person.

**Posture** 



Always make eye contact.

**Eye Contact** 



## **Verbal Communication Strategies**



- Brevity is important.
- Keep it short and to the point.

**Clear & Concise** 



 Neutralize negative reactions with a calm tone.

**Master Tone** 



 Ask questions that cannot be answered with a yes or no.

Open-Ended
Questions



 Make sure you are not multitasking.
 This conveys attentiveness.

**Active Listening** 



 Avoid special words or expressions used by a profession or group.

**Avoid Jargon**