

**Problems talking after a stroke,
brain injury, tumor or accident?**

Finding Support for an Ongoing Challenge

Aphasia can be the most devastating result of brain injury such as stroke. If you, or someone you know, has difficulty speaking, reading, writing or understanding what others are saying, there is hope.



We know that aphasia does not end when rehabilitation therapies conclude. At the Aphasia Center of West Texas, you'll find a lifeline of hope through professional information, practical strategies, trained conversation partners and a network of others living successfully with aphasia.

83% of aphasia cases are the result of stroke.

93% of stroke survivors with aphasia experience high psychological distress.

20% of people with aphasia report having NO friends at 6 months post aphasia.

Simmons-Mackie, N., (2018). *Aphasia in North America: A Comprehensive Report on Incidence, Causes and Impact*. Aphasia Access: Moorestown, NJ.



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If you know of someone who could benefit from our programs, call us today for a free evaluation.

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Before,
I thought my life was over. Now, my family and I know what to do when my words fail.



Live your life again.

The most devastating impact of aphasia is the reduced opportunity for self-expression. The Center's adaptive environment offers an optimum atmosphere for communication. Using a variety of practical strategies, everything we do is geared to increase interactions and participation in life's activities, both for the person with aphasia and their loved ones.



People typically use only one form of communication. After Aphasia Center training, people find many alternative approaches. The impact? Less frustration, successful interactions, and more confidence.

**“It's good...
all in the same
boat. Outside
they think I'm
stupid-NO!”**

**Lisa Reynolds,
living with
aphasia**

Both individuals and families interrupted by aphasia face profound changes. As the second independent nonprofit aphasia center in the U.S., the Aphasia Center of West Texas proudly joins leaders around the world who implement the revolutionary Life Participation Approach to Aphasia.

Adaptive communication and life engagement groups provide a way for people to get support while their progress continues. Once the acute phase of therapy has concluded and the medical crisis has stabilized, we welcome self-referrals and referrals by others. Our programs vary from \$75 to \$150/month. Scholarships are available to those who need assistance. Transportation is available.

Flexible Programs

Whether aphasia was acquired a few months or many years ago, we offer a variety of groups chosen according to the personal interests, schedules, and the goals of the person with aphasia. We welcome people who are near or far away.

Sound Research, Innovative Services

When you enter our doors, you can count on a service model backed by sound research, educated staff and volunteers, community advocates, donors and peers - all who realize the essential need for a network of friends and professionals who understand.

We consider personal environments, ability to participate in friendships, engage in hobbies, plus tools to deal with the misperceptions of others as integral components to living successfully with aphasia.

Benefits

People with aphasia usually don't have a place to communicate comfortably and socialize.

After completing rehabilitation therapies, the Aphasia Center begins. Our goal is to change the social isolation and daily frustration of aphasia. Since 2002, we have empowered families and individuals to re-engage in life's interactions in spite of aphasia.

“The Center has given us back our lives. The computer lab and raised gardens are my husband's favorite. For anyone with aphasia, this is the place to be.”

**Ronnie Davis,
family member**

**There is life after
aphasia.**



Conversation groups and numerous life interaction groups are offered each week.