

## Getting to know us

This Aphasia & Care Partner Support Group Is:

- a non-profit group that operates on donations of time and supplies
- held at Palma Ceia United Methodist church, they have graciously offered us a meeting place
- spearheaded by licensed speech language pathologists (SLPs)
- being held on a monthly basis
- promoting an environment of support for PWAs and their care partners
- thankful for the licensed professionals who volunteer their time for planning and leading each meeting

Aphasia & Care Partner Support Group

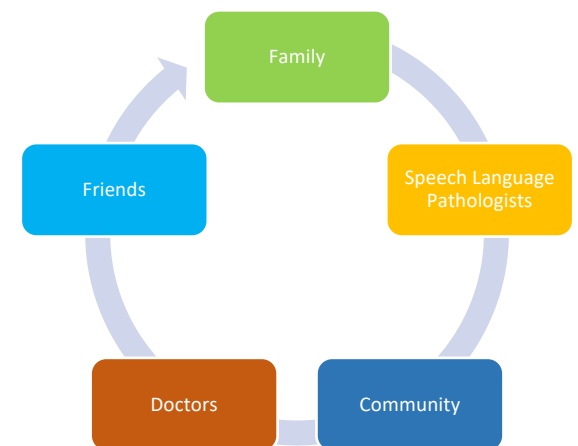
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# APHASIA & CARE PARTNER SUPPORT GROUP

Supporting communication with...



Please join us every  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the  
month.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is:  
September 9, 2019  
6:00 pm

Light  
refreshments  
and snacks  
will be  
served

## **Aphasia is:**

- an impairment of verbal or written language, affecting expression, comprehension, word finding, and/or repetition
- caused by a brain injury usually on the left side of the brain. The injury can be a result of a stroke, traumatic brain injury, infection, or tumors
- a condition that may make automatic speech (such as days of the week or social greetings) easier to say
- difficulty thinking of words to say
- sometimes making pronunciation errors
- sometimes using made up words
- a condition that may make saying single words easier than sentences

## **Ways to Help:**

- Be patient when talking to a PWA
- Talk slower, using shorter sentences
- Speak clearly
- Allow time to understand and respond
- Keep eye contact when talking
- Use a normal voice
- Don't talk down to someone with aphasia
- For some PWA, Yes/No questions are easier to answer
- Remember, communication does not have to be perfect to be functional
- Embrace and celebrate their independence

National Aphasia Organization  
Resource:

<https://www.aphasia.org/aphasia-resources/aphasia-factsheet/>