

OTHER SERVICES

- Information and Referral
- Advocacy, Education, and Awareness Raising
- Workshops for clients, families, and volunteers
- Training for staff of other facilities and community agencies
- Speech-Language Pathology and Communication Disorder Assistant student mentorship opportunities

Eligibility Criteria

Adults 18 years of age or older living with aphasia or other acquired communication disabilities due to stroke, brain injury, or brain illness may apply for this program.

Referrals accepted from

- Health Care Professionals or community agencies
- Family members, friends, or supporters
- Self-referral

Referral forms available online:
www.marchofdimes.ca/acdp



*This brochure is produced in an "aphasia-friendly", more "communicatively accessible format"

YOU CAN HELP!

Become a volunteer, make a financial donation, and tell others about the program

For more information, please contact:

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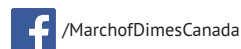
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APHASIA AND COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES PROGRAM



Community programs for adults with acquired communication disabilities

WHAT IS APHASIA?

Aphasia is one of the communication disabilities that can occur after stroke, brain injury or brain illness. It may be hard to talk, to understand spoken words, to read and write.

Some people may also have:

- Dysarthria – weakness of the speech muscles
- Apraxia of speech – difficulty with coordination of speech sounds
- Cognitively based communication challenges

Communication changes affect

- Well-being
- Self-confidence
- Conversation effectiveness
- Family roles and relationships
- Social connections

ACD Programs are offered at the following locations:

- MAPLE ▪ NEWMARKET ▪ PETERBOROUGH ▪
▪ VAUGHAN ▪ STOUFFVILLE ▪ WHITBY ▪

APHASIA AND COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES PROGRAM

We are a partnership of adults with aphasia and related acquired communication disabilities, families, community, volunteers, speech-language and social work professionals

OUR MISSION

- To improve communication
- To enhance quality of life
- To support independence
- To provide communicative access
- To encourage participation in community life



COMMUNICATION PROGRAMS

- Build on client's abilities and strengths
- Increase communication skills
- Enhance life participation
- Improve self-confidence, in an atmosphere of respect and choice

Our adult conversation groups

- Provide mutual aid and peer support
- Encourage the use of supportive communication strategies
- Incorporate Life History Communication Books and communication aids

Volunteers and staff work together to design and develop “aphasia-friendly” and communicatively accessible programs

JOIN TODAY!

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