Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Aphasia Laboratory – Center for the Study of Aphasia Research (C-STAR)

APHASIA RECOVERY GROUPS

PURPOSE: The Aphasia Recovery Groups are designed for individuals who have language communication difficulties (aphasia) as a result of stroke. The groups provide speech-language therapy to help members improve their communication abilities. The group setting allows a unique opportunity to strengthen communication by interacting with other individuals who have similar communication problems. The groups also provide the opportunity for individuals to receive support and share experiences with others who have suffered a stroke.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Anyone with aphasia secondary to stroke is eligible to participate in our weekly recovery groups. Participants must receive a speech-language evaluation through the USC Aphasia Laboratory to be placed in the most appropriate group. To schedule a speech-language evaluation, please contact Dr. Leigh Ann Spell at spelll@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-2693. Evaluations and group therapy are free for all eligible participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Each group meets for one hour each week. Individuals are placed in a particular group based on their communication abilities and goals. Sessions often begin with discussions about current events or other things that the group members would like to talk about. The remainder of the session is focused on improving the group members' ability to communicate. Graduate student clinicians, under the supervision of certified speech-language pathologists, administer specific language tasks to target individual and group goals.

Our groups meet every Friday morning at 10AM and 11AM at the USC Speech and Hearing Research Center, near USC's campus. In addition to our Aphasia Groups, designed to target spoken language, the USC Speech and Hearing Research Center offers a Reading Group which meets every Friday morning at 9AM. Please contact Dr. Charley Adams at cfadams@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-2605 for more information about the Reading Group.

GROUP MEETING LOCATION:

Speech and Hearing Research Center
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University of South Carolina
Keenan Building, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29208

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