



ARCH Network

Here is the next newsletter! Please scroll down to see the information we have compiled from community groups, university clinics, outpatient centers, collaborative projects, and research programs for people with aphasia.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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| Name / affiliation | Adler Aphasia Center |
| Location | First Presbyterian Church, 20 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield, NJ 0803 (Two virtual NJ groups are also available. One meets 2 Fridays a month. The other meets 2 Mondays a month). |
| Contact Information | Gretchen Szabo gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org |
| What is the cost? | \$100 per 4 month semester. Scholarships available. First three meetings are free. |
| What time and day do you meet? | We meet two Tuesdays a month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. |
| What are the general activities? | Discussion on a variety of topics, education about stroke and aphasia, social events (holiday party, lunch at a restaurant). |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | Care partners are welcome to attend the first session. After that we ask that members with aphasia attend on their own. If the person with aphasia needs physical assistance to use the restroom, we ask care partners to remain in the building. |

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| Name / affiliation | Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell |
| Location | Currently meeting in person or via Zoom. When in person: One Capital Way, Pennington, NJ 08534 3M Conference room |
| Contact Information | Sandra Stein sstein@capitalhealth.org Nusreen Navarro nnavarro@capitalhealth.org |
| What time and day do you meet? | The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:00 pm. |
| What are the general activities? | The group provides a place for individuals who have sustained aphasia or some form of communication disorder from a neurological condition and their families to meet others in similar situations. Participants have the opportunity to discuss their experiences, share ideas, form friendships and provide emotional support for one another. The group also offers education on subjects of interest to all and an opportunity to receive resources and tools for coping with their situation. |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | Yes |

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| Name / affiliation | Just ASK |
| Location | Virtual group via Zoom |
| Contact Information | Denise Lowell President@justaskri.org www.justaskri.com |
| What time and day do you meet? | We meet Monday evenings at 6:00 pm EST. |
| What are the general activities? | We have game night, painting, conversation, as well as guest speakers from the aphasia community around the world. |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | There is a monthly support group for “care partners” held on the 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm EST. |

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| Name / affiliation | Magee Rehabilitation |
| Location | Magee Riverfront, 1500 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19147 |
| Contact Information | Sarah Lantz, 215-218-3909 sarah.lantz@jefferson.edu |
| What time and day do you meet? | The first Tuesday of every month from 1:00-2:00 pm. |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | Yes |

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| Name / affiliation | MossRehab Aphasia Center |
| Location | 50 Township Line Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 |
| Contact Information | Nikki Benson-Watlington, 215-663-6344_nxb328@jefferson.edu |
| What is the cost? | Some programs are free, others have a nominal fee. Scholarships are available. |
| What time and day do you meet? | The Activity Center runs programs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Times are variable, depending on members' chosen activities. Groups are remote. |
| What are the general activities? | Conversation Cafe, Talking Book Club, Reta's Games Group, Virtual Variety Hour, Computer Lab, Education Programs |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | Members should be independent in activities of daily living or accompanied by a caregiver or co-survivor. |

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| Name / affiliation | Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple (PACT) |
| Location | Temple University. 1701 N 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA |
| Contact Information | Gayle DeDe, 215-204-2453 gayle.dede@temple.edu |
| What is the cost? | Free |
| What time and day do you meet? | Combination of in person and remote activities. Groups are typically Wednesdays (9:30-12:00 and Thursdays 10:30-2:30. We offer Second Saturday group the Second Saturday of every month from 11-12 on zoom. |
| What are the general activities? | See https://sites.temple.edu/pact/ . We offer different groups each semester, including conversation groups, art, music, advocacy and more. Wednesday groups are typically virtual and Thursdays are in person. |
| Can partners or caregivers join? | Carepartners are welcome to Second Saturday Group. Other groups are for people with aphasia. |

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| Name / affiliation | Speech-Language Institute (SLI) at Salus University |
| Location | Salus University |
| Contact Information | Alison Finkelstein, 215-780-3150 afinkelstein@salus.edu |
| What time and day do you meet? | Virtual Meetings are Hosted by the Speech-Language Institute of Salus University. Book club is every other Friday from 10:00-11:00 am and Poetry club is every other Friday from 10-11 am. |

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| Name | La Salle University Speech Language Hearing Community Clinic |
| Location | St. Benilde Tower on La Salle University Campus; Free Parking Lot K Map provided |
| Contact Information | Direct Number: 215-951-1888, Department Secretary: 215-951-1982 |
| Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia? | Yes |
| What is your clinic schedule? | Fall, spring, partial summer semesters |
| Is this student run or clinician run? | Graduate Clinicians are supervised by licensed SLP |
| What is the fee schedule? | Free: No insurance or payment needed. Donations accepted. |
| Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid? | No insurance needed. |
| Is it all individual therapy or are there groups? | There are both individual and group sessions. |

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| Name | Salus University Clinic |
| Location | Salus University |
| Contact Information | Eileen Hunsaker, ehunsaker@salus.edu Alison Finkelstein, afinkelstein@salus.edu |
| Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia? | Yes |
| What is your clinic schedule? | Based on the semester |
| Is this student run or clinician run? | Students under direct supervision of a clinician |
| What is the fee schedule? | Free |
| Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid? | No insurance needed. |
| Is it all individual therapy or are there groups? | One support group per month, as well as weekly individual therapy |

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| Name | Temple University Speech-Language-Hearing Center |
| Location | Weiss Hall 110, 1701 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia PA 19122 |
| Contact Information | Lisa Melvin, 215-204-4482, lisa.melvin@temple.edu |
| Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia? | No |
| What is your clinic schedule? | Academic semester |
| Is this student run or clinician run? | Student run with clinician supervision |
| What is the fee schedule? | Free |
| Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid? | No insurance needed. |
| Is it all individual therapy or are there groups? | Both; groups are only via telehealth |

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| Name | University of Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic |
| Location | 540 S. College Ave, Suite 102, Newark, DE 19713 |
| Contact Information | Main Office Phone Number: 302-831-7100, Email: slhclinic@udel.edu |
| Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia? | We provide services and life participation groups for people with aphasia remotely. |
| What is your clinic schedule? | Our schedule is year round. |
| Is this student run or clinician run? | Our sessions are run by ASHA certified SLPs and graduate students, working in tandem throughout the session. |
| What is the fee schedule? | We accept most insurances, private pay, and we have a generous sliding fee schedule based on income. |
| Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid? | Yes, we accept both. |
| Is it all individual therapy or are there groups? | We offer both individual and group therapy year round. |

OUTPATIENT CENTERS

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| Name | Good Shepherd Penn Partners |
| Location | Rittenhouse, University City, Pennsylvania Hospital |
| Contact Information | 215-349-5585 gspp.uncpatientservices@uphs.upenn.edu |
| Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia? | Yes (available at Rittenhouse and University City) |
| Are you able to see people remotely right now? | Yes |
| Do you provide teletherapy in general? | Yes (depending on future insurance coverage of this benefit) |
| Is it all individual therapy or are there groups? | Individual (One-on-one for 60 minute sessions) |
| What insurances do you accept? How about Medicare or Medicaid? | Most commercial insurance, Medicare/Medicare Advantage, Medicaid-Except Health Partners |

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

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| Name | Aphasia Resource Collaboration Hub (ARCH) |
| Date & Time | Community meetings the first Wednesday of every third month: December 4, 2024 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST |
| Location | Virtual over Zoom |
| Contact Information | aphasiaresource@gmail.com |
| What is it? | <p>We host quarterly meetings to discuss the questions about aphasia. Zoom link: https://temple.zoom.us/j/98225630680</p> <p>December 4, 2024: Inner Speech in People with Aphasia</p> <p>Presenter Details: Mackenzie Fama, PhD, CCC-SLP Do you have a "little voice" in your head? Do the words in your head match what you can say out loud? We will discuss how inner speech relates to other language and thinking skills in people with aphasia..</p> |

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

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| Location of study | Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (MRRRI) |
| Name of project | MRRRI Research Registry |
| Main contact name, telephone number, and email address | MRRRI Research Registry Office 215-663-7147 MRRRIregistry@jefferson.edu |
| Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed) | The MRRRI Research Registry (the Registry) is a listing of individuals interested in being contacted about MRRRI-affiliated research studies for which they may be eligible. MRRRI currently sponsors multiple studies addressing the assessment and treatment of aphasia and apraxia of speech secondary to stroke; many of these aphasia-related studies recruit only from the Registry. |
| Currently enrolling participants? | Yes. |
| Summary of what participant will do | Registry members have the opportunity to learn about research studies that may be of interest to them. Participating is voluntary and offers the opportunity to learn about research studies that may help improve rehabilitation services for people with neurological disabilities. Participants are not obligated to participate in any particular study and can say no at any time. Participants may have the opportunity to work with researchers to study problems with speech, language, attention, memory, movement, and emotional well-being and which treatments work best. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for participants | Participants in the Registry may include individuals with a diagnosis of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stroke, • traumatic brain injury, • Parkinsonism, and other neurological impairments as well as neurologically-healthy individuals |
| Length of study | The Research Registry was created in 2000 and is an ongoing project. The process to learn more about the Registry and complete the necessary paperwork, including informed consent, may take 1-2 hours. |
| Compensation | There is no compensation for participating in the Registry itself. Those who volunteer for individual studies may be compensated. |
| Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study? | No. |
| Parking or public transportation options | There is no travel required to join the Research Registry. |
| Is remote testing possible? | Yes. |

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| Location of study | Temple University – Speech Perception and Cognition Lab Weiss Hall, Room 145, 1701 N. 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19122 |
| Name of project | Perceiving and Understanding Speech in Background Noise. |
| Main contact name, telephone number, and email address | Jing Shen 215-204-1478 spaclab@temple.edu |
| Description of study | The Temple University Speech Perception and Cognition (SPAC) lab is inviting participants for a research study on how individuals perceive and understand speech in background noise. |
| Currently enrolling participants? | Yes |
| Summary of what participant will do | The study involves tests of cognition and speech perception, during which your eyes will be monitored by a camera, and a free hearing test to determine if you qualify for the study. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for participants | You may be eligible if you are aged 60-85 years old, speak English as your native language, and have normal or correct-to-normal vision. |
| Length of study | The study takes 1-8 visits of 1-2 hours. We will schedule the visit at a time convenient for you. |
| Compensation | Yes; \$10 per hour and \$5 for travel expenses per visit with an extra completion bonus of \$20 for completing all study visits. |
| Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study? | No |
| Parking or public transportation options | Parking lot next to building, and street parking may be available as well. Close to subway and there is a bus stop in front of the building. |
| Is remote testing possible? | No |

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| Location of study | University of Delaware The Tower at STAR- 6 th Floor, 100 Discovery Blvd Newark, DE 19713 |
| Name of project | Validation of the Modified University of Washington Resilience Scale for People with Aphasia Click Here for Participation Form: https://redcap.chs.udel.edu/surveys/?s=DECW9PJA9R |
| Main contact name, telephone number, and email address | Patrycja Puzio, MA, CCC-SLP (302)-273-0488 Aphasialab@udel.edu |
| Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed) | We are testing a modified resilience testing scale and exploring how those results will help us understand coping with stress and measure resilience in people who were diagnosed with aphasia and treatment outcomes. |
| Currently enrolling participants? | Yes |
| Summary of what participant will do | The participants will complete a brief language test and several questionnaires about coping, stress, life participation, and overall well-being. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for participants | Participants who have experienced a stroke at least six months ago and have a diagnosis of aphasia. Participants' primary language must be English. Ages 21+. At a minimum have a high school education. |
| Length of study | In-person: 1 session, 1.5-2 hours. Remote: 2-3 sessions, each 30-45 minutes. |
| Compensation | None |
| Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study? | No |
| Parking or public transportation options | Parking: lot directly in front of entrance for Tower at STAR building (south end of STAR campus). Park in a visitor spot. Two more parking lots around the STAR campus on 540 S. College Ave. |
| Is remote testing possible? | Yes, remote testing is available. Must have a computer or tablet. |

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| Location of study | Purdue University |
| Name of project | Multiple ongoing studies including an aphasia training study |
| Main contact name, telephone number, and email address | Dr. Jiyeon Lee at the Purdue Aphasia Lab 765-496-0216 aphasia@purdue.edu |
| Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed) | The Purdue Aphasia Lab has several ongoing research opportunities including a NIH-funded clinical training study. Our lab studies communication difficulties in persons with aphasia and how to improve their communication abilities using a variety of tasks such as eye-tracking while listening and speaking, reading studies, and language training studies. We aim to develop novel aphasia interventions to improve sentence production and comprehension in people with aphasia. |
| Currently enrolling participants? | Yes. Studies can take place at West Lafayette campus, Indianapolis Satellite lab, and remotely at the participant's house. |
| Summary of what participant will do | Participants will complete a comprehensive language evaluation to determine eligibility for our current projects. If eligible, participants can participate up to 8 sessions depending on the study. Each session will last about 2 hours. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for participants | Inclusion: Ages 21-85 with diagnosis of aphasia following left hemisphere stroke, native speaker of North American English. Exclusionary: History of other neurological conditions affecting communication (ex: dementia, Parkinson's disease, etc.), uncontrolled clinical depression, current abuse of drugs or alcohol. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for controls | NA |
| Length of study | Dependent on study. Each session last about 2 hours. |
| Compensation | \$20 per session including language testing sessions. Remote participants are paid via gift cards. |
| Parking | Easily accessible, garage parking attached to our building is free. |
| Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study? | Dependent on study. |
| Is remote testing possible? | Remote & hybrid testing options are available. If remote, participants must have access to desktop or laptop computer with webcam. Stable internet connection is necessary (no Hotspots). |

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| Location of study | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Church Professional Building, Suite 403 98 N Broadway Baltimore, MD 21231 |
| Name of project | Cerebellar Stimulation for Aphasia Rehabilitation (CeSAR) clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT05093673 |
| Main contact name, telephone number, and email address | Becky Lammers, MS, CCC-SLP 410-502-2445 blammer2@jh.edu |
| Description of study (with type/severity of aphasia if needed) | This is an NIH-funded, double-blind study for people with aphasia due to chronic left hemisphere stroke of at least 6 months duration to investigate whether transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) combined with Semantic Feature Analysis (SFA) is more effective than sham tDCS and SFA. |
| Currently enrolling participants? | Yes |
| Summary of what participant will do | Participants will complete baseline testing over 2-3 sessions, attend 1 MRI, and attend 15 hour-long sessions of speech therapy with tDCS or sham for 3-5 days per week over 3-5 weeks. Follow-up testing is completed at 1-week, 1-month, 3-months, and 6-months post-treatment. |
| Subject inclusion criteria for participants | Inclusion: Left hemisphere stroke ≥ 6 months post-onset; fluent in English; 18 or older; Aphasia diagnosis on Western Aphasia Battery-Revised (WABR) Exclusion: Lesion in the right cerebellum; other neurological, neurodegenerative, or psychiatric disorder; seizures in the previous 6 months; uncorrected visual or hearing loss; medications that lower seizure threshold; NMDA antagonists; history of brain surgery or metal in the head; severely impaired auditory comprehension; severely limited verbal output; $>80\%$ correct on Philadelphia Naming Test (PNT); those with severe claustrophobia, cardiac pacemakers or ferromagnetic implants, and pregnant women will be excluded from the MRI portion of the study |
| Length of study | Approximately 7-8 months total. There are approximately 23 visits total. |
| Compensation | Yes, up to \$750 if participants complete all 15 treatment sessions. |
| Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study? | No, other regular therapies may be continued as long as the participant is not receiving any brain stimulation (e.g., tDCS, TMS) during the course of this study. |
| Parking or public transportation options | Free parking lot adjacent to the building. Accessible parking is available near the door. |
| Is remote testing possible? | Yes, some baseline and follow up testing may be completed remotely. Treatment sessions and MRI require in-person visits. |