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HNHB LHIN Regional Aphasia Program

Referral Process – Eligibility Criteria

Thank you for your interest in the HNHB LHIN Regional Aphasia Program.

Our **Aphasia Programs** are intended to meet the need for **conversation, social interaction, information and support** for **people with aphasia** and for their **families**. Our Supported Conversation Groups also offer the opportunity to **strengthen communication skills**. Groups are **NOT** a **replacement** for **individual speech therapy** but a **complement**. The **goal** of the Aphasia Program is for group members to **participate actively in conversation** using a variety of communication strategies. **Speech-Language Pathologists, Social Workers, Communicative Disorders Assistants** and **trained volunteers** are involved with the Aphasia Programs to help make communication easier.

A typical session may include:

- Discussing current events and expressing opinions
- Sharing life stories and events
- Activities that focus on **conversation skills** using a variety of modes including speech, gestures, facial expression, writing, drawing and reading, to **more effectively express and understand messages in conversation**
- Supporting one another to **develop skill and confidence** in communicating

Please note there may be individual differences between programs.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Varied severities/types of **Aphasia** due to stroke or injury to brain e.g. Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA), tumour
- Medically stable and living in the community
- Willing to participate in Supportive Conversation Groups
- Demonstrates **appropriate behavior** in a social group setting
- **No/minimal cognitive difficulties**
- Client care needs (i.e., toileting, feeding) are met by client or caregiver. (Note: some locations will have Day Program Staff available to assist)

If you have any questions about the referral process, criteria for admission or the program, please contact the Aphasia Program in your area.