



a•pha•sia (uh-fay'-zhuh) n. A language disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading, and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or brain injury. This frustrating condition affects a person's ability to communicate, but does not affect his or her intellect.

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Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with two full service facilities based in Maywood and West Orange, NJ and eleven Aphasia Communication Groups located throughout the state, is an innovative post-rehabilitative therapeutic program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. *Aphasia is a communication disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or other brain injury. It affects a person's ability to communicate, but not his or her intellect.* This communication disorder affects 40% of all stroke/brain trauma survivors. The Center is considered the world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. With 2.5 million people diagnosed with aphasia in the U.S., the Center is the only one of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. For more information about the Center's programs and services in Maywood or West Orange, NJ, or for information about the Center's Aphasia Communication Groups in Belvidere, Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Morristown, North Bergen, Scotch Plains and two groups in Toms River, NJ, visit their website at www.adleraphasiacenter.org or call 201.368.8585.

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About Adler Aphasia Center

Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with two full service facilities based in Maywood and West Orange, NJ, is an innovative post-rehabilitative therapeutic program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. *Aphasia is a communication disorder caused by a stroke or traumatic brain injury and affects 40% of these survivors.* Adler Aphasia Center is the only center of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. It is estimated that 2.4 million people live with aphasia in the US. The Center is considered the world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. The Center also offers bi-monthly Aphasia Communication Groups in Belvidere, Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Morristown, North Bergen, Scotch Plains and two groups in Toms River, NJ. The Center's programs and activities are facilitated by speech-language pathologists and healthcare professionals who share the primary goals of enhancing the communication skills of its members and providing opportunities for social and peer support, while building members' self-esteem and confidence. Caregiver needs are addressed through weekly caregiver support groups. Training and educational programs are offered to healthcare professionals, consumers, educators, students, speech-language pathologists and others interested in improving the quality of life for those affected by aphasia. The Center is also actively engaged in research efforts that examine the impact of its programs. Founded in 2003 by Elaine and Mike Adler, its mission is simple: to provide help for those living with aphasia and their caregivers and to expand awareness and knowledge of aphasia.