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How to Refer Clients to the Pat Arato Aphasia Centre

Who can refer?

Referrals can be made by individuals with aphasia themselves, family members, physicians, social workers, speech-language pathologists and other health care professionals. In order for a referral to be processed, we require an assessment by a speech-language pathologist.

Why do we need a speech pathology report?

Our assessment is a structured interview involving the person with aphasia and family member(s) conducted by a speech-language pathologist and a social worker. A speech pathology report is essential to confirm that the applicant has aphasia and is appropriate for our programs and to help the staff at the Pat Arato Aphasia Centre find the appropriate group for the applicant.

What happens if it is not possible to get a speech pathology report?

In the event that it is not possible to arrange for a speech pathology assessment, please call the Pat Arato Aphasia Centre and speak with Charline Sherman at 416-226-3636 ext. 15. Every attempt will be made to accommodate the client who is unable to get an assessment.

What happens when we receive your referral?

When a referral is received, the social worker responsible for Intake screens it to ensure that we have all necessary information. At this point a confirmation letter is sent to the referral agent. Once a referral is complete, we contact the applicant with a date for a group orientation session, which describes our program. After the orientation session, the applicant is invited to book an appointment for an individual assessment.

What is the Introductory Program?

When clients are first referred to us we strongly suggest they attend our Introductory Program, a 12-week education and support program for people living with aphasia and their families. This program is designed to introduce supported conversation techniques and provide counseling and support for individuals making the transition from rehabilitation to living with chronic aphasia. It is an important bridge to our community conversation groups and other programs.

What is the Community Aphasia Program?

Following the Introductory Program, clients are invited to join our community by participating in a variety of ongoing programs including conversation, book group, creative writing, painting, Toastmasters and exercise classes.

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What is the Outreach Program?

The Outreach Program is designed for individuals who are not able to access programs at the Centre. In this 10-week program, a trained communication volunteer provides weekly visits to develop functional communication skills with the client and his/her support system.

Preparing people with aphasia for attendance at the Pat Arato Aphasia Centre.

We do not offer traditional individual speech pathology intervention. Speech-Language Pathologists, as part of an interdisciplinary team, train and closely supervise volunteers who facilitate our programs. All of our programs are delivered in a group setting.

As a community centre dedicated to serving individuals with chronic aphasia, our programs have three specific goals:

- improving communication for both the person with aphasia and their families
- providing the person with aphasia with opportunities for conversation at a satisfying level
- reducing social isolation and helping the individual with aphasia reintegrate into the community.

For More Information

If you are not sure whether someone is appropriate for our programs or want more information about our services, please contact Charline Sherman, Manager of Intake at 416-226-3636 x15.