Imagine feeling like you’re living in a foreign country where you don’t speak the language – but the country is actually your own.
This is the daily reality for people living with aphasia.

Aphasia and its impact
Aphasia is a language problem caused most frequently by stroke and affects approximately 1/3 of the stroke population. There are more people living with aphasia than those living with MS. Aphasia has a devastating impact on all aspects of life because it profoundly affects the ability to read, write, and communicate with others. Without the ability to have conversations, we lose our ability to interact with others, cultivate relationships, and navigate our way through life. In other words, every relationship, every life role, and almost all activities are at risk with a profound impact on identity.

The Aphasia Institute provides solutions
As a world leader in providing treatment, education and research, our mission is to give hope to people with aphasia and their families by developing and sharing innovative solutions that reduce language barriers to full life participation. Our innovative methods and resources are grounded in a daily exposure to the lived experience of people with aphasia and their families. This ‘living lab’ also generates research, with solutions shared via our education and training programs.

One of our internationally recognized innovations for reducing language barriers is the evidenced-based method, “Supported Conversation for Adults” (SCA™). This method which provides knowledge and techniques for communicating with individuals who have aphasia has had an impact on thousands of people with aphasia and their families world-wide via training for healthcare professionals across Canada and internationally.

Why we need to do more
Aphasia is a growing problem. Prevalence of stroke survivors living with disability will as much as double in some regions in Canada in the next two decades and the stroke population is getting younger. In addition to poor health-related quality of life, aphasia is also associated with much higher health care costs than the general stroke population.

Our promise to people with aphasia and their families is that we will help you navigate your life one conversation at a time.
The Aphasia Institute

Our Vision
A world where there are no barriers to living successfully with aphasia.

Our Mission
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Our Synergy of Service

Life's a Conversation.

Every person and family living with aphasia deserves our resources and supports. To give the gift of conversation or for more information, please contact: aphasia@aphasia.ca  t. 416-226-3636  www.aphasia.ca