

Family/Caregiver SCA™ Program Training Workshop

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Brandon, MB

Aphasia is a language disorder which reduces the ability to comprehend and use spoken and written words. Individuals with Aphasia retain 'the core' of who they are and their thoughts and memory are generally unaffected. An individual with Aphasia can experience difficulties in the areas of comprehension, reading, writing, speaking and language-related skills such as gesturing.

Family members and caregivers are all too familiar with the challenges of communicating with individuals who have a moderate or severe Aphasia. Attempts to communicate can be time consuming, frustrating and often unsuccessful. Ideally, anyone interacting with individuals with Aphasia on a regular basis should have in-depth training and practice in developing skills in Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™) or similar methods.

The Aphasia Institute in Toronto, Ontario has developed the SCA approach for teaching individuals with Aphasia and their *conversation partners* to *communicate* once again. This approach has been taught successfully to individuals, their families, health care providers and conversation partners in a variety of settings. This approach is grounded in years of experience and research and the training program has been specifically developed to be delivered by Speech-Language Pathologists.

Workshop Description

This workshop is designed for family/support persons and/or caregivers and it provides resources, video illustrations, as well as role-play situations which can be adapted to specific every day communications situations.

Emphasis is on the use of the SCA approach along with pictographic resources and non-verbal methods of communication with individuals who have moderate and severe Aphasia.

The following outline highlights the main components of this workshop:

- Language and Aphasia defined
- Communication problems, service delivery and improved health outcomes
- What SCA is and the goals of SCA
- Basic components of SCA, an introduction to some of the basic tools, observation of tools being used, and practicing the use of these basic tools

Schedule

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Introduction Aphasia Institute, Brandon Aphasia Project, SCA
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Module One Language, Aphasia, theory of SCA approach and concepts, video observation, and role-play exercises
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Module One - continued
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Psychosocial Issues (<i>Presented by Social Worker</i>)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Review of SCA, final exercises, and discussion

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Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Location: Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB

Cost: \$110.00 (includes resource book 'What is Aphasia?' - \$20)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Space is limited - Register early!

Workshop Registration

Name _____

Mailing Address _____
Street Address City/Town Postal Code

Telephone (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Fax _____ E-mail Address _____

Cheques should be made out to **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba**.

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