Support Groups for Individuals and Families Impacted by Aphasia

Individuals and families impacted by aphasia face unique challenges. Support specifically designed for these people is limited.

Three groups have formed in the Portland Oregon area that provide both the individual experiencing aphasia and family members the opportunity to develop a sense of community with others impacted by aphasia.

These groups are organized and run by participants. Faculty and students from Portland State University’s Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences work with survivors and families as they strive to improve and survive this condition.

The groups are free of charge but do ask for small contributions to be given to the churches that have donated space. Regular attendance is not required but families feel that attending often is beneficial to everyone.

For more information about these groups you may also contact

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Continuous Improvement Group

Who: Individuals and families
When: Each Monday
    11:00 – 12:00
Where: Valley View Evangelical Church
       11501 SE Sunnyside Rd.
Contact: Don Rodgers  (360) 693.9398
         Barb Shoepe  seashorebjs@aol.com

Speak EZ group

Who: Individuals and families
When: Odd numbered Saturdays (i.e. January 5th)
    10:00 – 12:00
Where: Luther’s Lodge
       Resurrection Lutheran Church
       1700 NE 132nd Ave.
Contact: Mike Yuckert  503-695-5160

Westside Aphasia Group

Who: Individuals and families
When: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month
    10:00 – 12:00
Where: St. Vincent Medical Center
       Room varies – watch for directional signs
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