

MossRehab Aphasia Center

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Welcome!

The MossRehab Aphasia Center continues to be an active and vibrant community! Our groups continue virtually and we've expanded our services to a new population of people living with aphasia, those with progressive aphasia and their loved ones.

We're so happy to be able to stay connected with everyone, and will continue with a hybrid model once we're back in person so our long-distance members can stay with us.

Wishing you a healthy and happy year!

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Aphasia in the News

- In March 2022, Bruce Willis's family announced that he had been diagnosed with **aphasia**. This was a generous act on the part of Mr. Willis and his loved ones, providing an opportunity to increase awareness, education, and advocacy for those with aphasia. Early in 2023, news was updated that he has fronto-temporal degeneration, which can result in **primary progressive aphasia (PPA)**.
- Our director, Sharon Antonucci, appeared on several news channels discussing aphasia. You can find the links to watch below.

Services for those with PPA

- We successfully piloted our **Strategy Training and Education Program for those Living with Primary Progressive Aphasia (STEP-LPPA)**. We are so grateful to our participants for their time and feedback, and the lasting friendships we've developed.
- We now offer two conversation cafes for people with PPA, as well as a breakout room for caregivers.

MossRehab Aphasia Center online and on TV!

[What is Aphasia](#)

[Bruce Willis Diagnosed with Aphasia...](#)

[Bruce Willis "Stepping Away" from Acting...](#)

[Bruce Willis is "Stepping Away" ...](#)

[Animal-Assisted Therapy](#)

Fox29 Live

Fox29 News

CBS Philadelphia

6ABC

National Aphasia Association "Ask the Expert" Webinar

MOSSREHAB APHASIA CENTER PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

- **APHASIA ACTIVITY CENTER**
 - Constance Sheerr Kittner Conversation Cafés
 - Talking Book Club
 - Reta's Games Group
 - Computer Lab and Drop-In Center
 - Education Programs
- **ADVANCED CLINICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**
- **MOSSREHAB APHASIA CENTER BLOG**
- **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE APHASIA CENTER AND THE MOSS REHABILITATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

I think about the conversation, about the group and how it enlightens me to do other things.

- Aphasia Center Member

YEAR IN REVIEW

- We had over **1990** visits
- We welcomed **7** new members
- We participated in the first **Aphasia Resource Collaboration Hub (ARCH) Aphasia Awareness Fair**

I feel like this is a group that understands me and we're all the same. What we have doesn't mean we're stupid.

- Aphasia Center Member

MossRehab Aphasia Center at 2022 International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference in Philly!



- Members and staff joined members of the **Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple (PACT)** to plan the first ever conference participation event for people with aphasia
- Director, Sharon Antonucci, served on the Conference Committee
- Clinical Director Emerita, Ruth Fink, spearheaded the **#aphasiarocks** campaign for the conference
- MRRI Director Emeritus, John Whyte, gave a keynote address