

SAM Aphasia Program

Eligibility Criteria

The referring SLP or SAM SLP will assess client eligibility for the Supported Conversation Groups according to the following criteria:

- Has had a stroke, brain injury or tumor resulting in aphasia
- No/minimal cognitive impairment/no co-existing diagnosis of dementia
- No psychiatric/behavioral problems which would complicate cooperative social interaction in the social group setting
- Should be medically stable
- Demonstrates a willingness to attend the Conversation Groups and to use supported communication strategies
- Either has been discharged from individual speech language therapy because therapy goals have been met, or because no further progress has been made

- OR -

- may be considered for a SAM Aphasia Program referral for socialization and community re-integration, prior to completion of individual speech therapy
- All clients with aphasia must be eligible for a HNHB CCAC referral to Adult Day Services (please call if clarification is required)
- No discharge criteria

The SAM Aphasia Program is for:

- All types of aphasia i.e. expressive, receptive, mixed, global
- All severity levels of aphasia
- Any age

There is a daily fee for the SAM Aphasia Program!

SAM Aphasia Program Supported Conversation Groups
SLP Referral Form

Client Name D.O.B.....
Address
Telephone Health Card #
Contact Person Relationship Tel
First Language Other Spoken Language(s).....
Vision Normal Reduced
Hearing Functional Non-functional Hearing Aid/s: Yes No
CVA Date:..... Other cause for Aphasia Date:
SLP involvement: Current/Ongoing Previous Discharge date:

AUDITORY COMPREHENSION

Understanding Questions:

- i) Simple: Able Reduced ii) Complex: Able Reduced
ii) Understanding Conversations: Most Some None
• Improves with Picture Support: Yes No
• Improves with Written Support: Yes No
• Uses own Communication Book: Yes No

VERBAL EXPRESSION

Yes / No: Able Unable Verbal Other
Single Words: Phrases: Sentences:
Fluent: Dysfluent:
Word Finding Difficulty: No Mild Moderate Severe
Able to get point across: Completely Partial Mostly unable Unable
Paraphasias: Yes No
Awareness of errors: Yes No
Expression improves through:
• Client use of Gestures: Yes No
• Client Pointing to: 1) Pictures: Yes No 2) Written Words: Yes No
• Client Writing: Yes No Client Drawing: Yes No

READING: Single Words Phrases Non-Functional

WRITING: Single Words Phrases Non-Functional

COMMUNICATION INTERACTIONS

Family Members: Able Unable Others: Able Unable

Comments
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Referral Completed by **Tel** **Fax:**.....

Please **fax completed form** to: **SAM Program at 905-525-4149**

Please contact Vivienne Epstein, SLP with any questions at 905-529-2020 Ext 2282