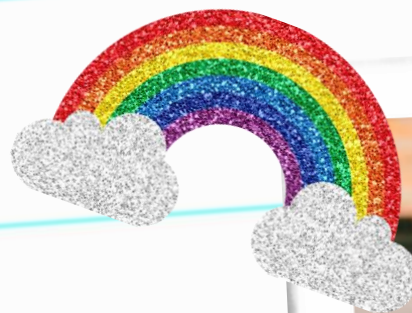




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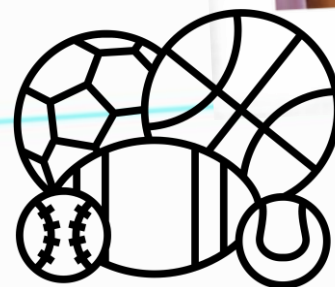


Me

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friend



for persons with aphasia (or not)!

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inspirations



- **Friendship matters: a research agenda for aphasia** (Jamie Azios, Katie Strong, Brent Archer, Natalie Douglas, Nina Simmons-Mackie, & Linda Worrall)
- **Moving Toward Anti-Ableist Practices in Aphasia Rehabilitation and Research: A Viewpoint** (Kristen Nunn, Victoria Tilton-Bolowsky, Ayelet M Kershenbaum)
- **Esteamed Coffee** model program
- All the stories!!!

<https://youtu.be/O5bGzAMykkg?si=P8dH8DVS139mBcPm> (Aphasia NZ)

Project conducted at TAP Unlimited www.aphasiaaproject.org



And recently Sarah Baar and Alison Meza's Cognitive Intervention task at MSHA

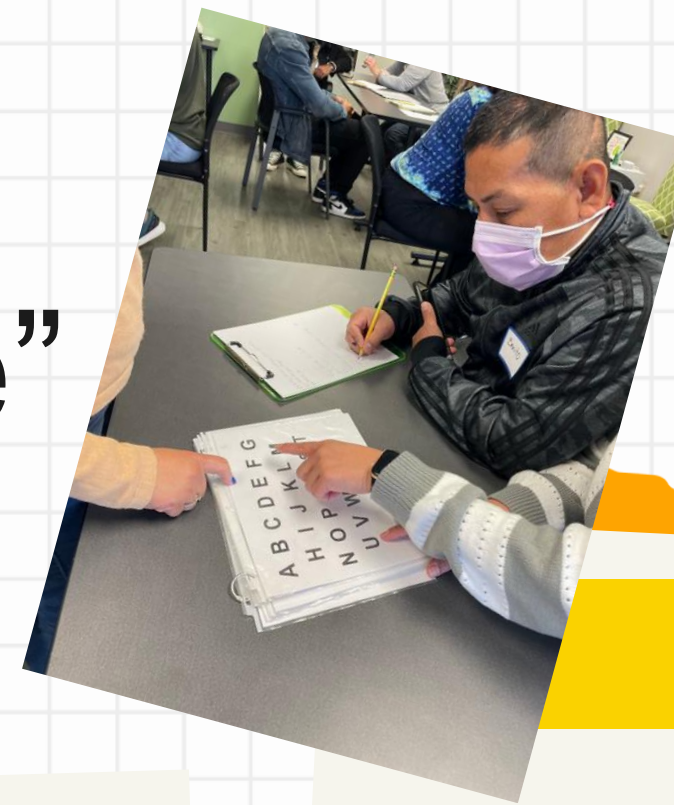


The prep

- Invite individuals with aphasia AND from community
- Arrange space with communication supports
- Aphasia overview: what it is and what it is not
- Post “rules”
- 7 vs. 5 minutes
- Include social time during “break” and following event
- “Help” (aka Trader Joe’s) sign
- Refreshments :)



“matches and more”



supports

- photo name cards
- letter/communication boards/devices
- phone!!
 - photo app
 - map app
- etc.

question prompts

- “Favorites”
- Family composition
- “Firsts”
 - car
 - job
- Notables “most _____”
- Would you rather?

This or That?

Chocolate

Flowers

Dogs

Cats

Stay In

Go Out

Calls

Texts

Beach

Mountains

What's next...

- Selection and matches for friend-connection
- Plan a social event to follow
- Add new people
- collaborate with other programs
 - in person/in your community
 - virtually (aphasia groups/centers)
- ANCHOR training program (aka Dream Team's work)

