

An LPAA model for programming for people affected by PPA –

Education, Assessment, Treatment, and Support



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PROGRAM BASICS

- University clinic setting
- Caregiver education and support meeting
- Concurrent group treatment for people with PPA
- S/L assessment and recommendations specific to PPA offered

VISION/MISSION

VISION: To have a strong, sustainable support network for people affected by PPA.

MISSION:
Gather, collate and share resources and information

Assist supporters to cope with challenges, make positive changes, add support network.

Provide opportunities and resources for people with PPA to engage in activities that will “keep them in the game”.

RESOURCES

- Opportunity for peer counseling and support network
- Group-developed packet of resources for newly diagnosed families
- Monthly email and newsletter

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

- Care partners and “loved ones” attend together
- Speakers present topics of interest
- People with PPA are offered separate “conversation group” facilitated by SLP grad students using language stimulation approach
- Care partners meet for peer support



TOPICS/SPEAKERS



SURVEY COMMENTS

- I have learned valuable information from attending the meetings.
- I learned that I wasn't the only one with PPA and I learned how speech therapy could help.
- Helping to anticipate upcoming changes.
- Various topics are very interesting.
- I feel more connected with other who are struggling with this disease.

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