Some groups will be held online via Zoom, and some groups will be held in person. If you plan to attend our online sessions, high speed internet and the use of a laptop, desktop computer or tablet is recommended for the best experience. Parking may be available during in person groups for those who need it.

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(617) 353-0197

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 8th, 2023
The Aphasia Resource Center is pleased to announce the Summer 2023 Program. This semester we will have both in person and online sessions.

**Enrollment**
You may request enrollment by completing the separate registration form. If you are new to groups, please see the section “New Referrals” below.

- Forms can be completed and sent by email to aphasiacenter@bu.edu
- You may also register by phone at (617) 353–0197.
  - Please leave a message with your name, contact information and group selection(s).

**Requirements for Participation**
Given the need for online participation, group members must have access to Zoom with video and audio, as well as access to email.

**Deadline**
Registration request forms MUST be received by Monday May 8, 2023, to receive full consideration.

**Placement and Confirmation**
Group enrollment numbers will be strictly limited to preserve the quality of the treatment, and to maintain safety regulations. Requests will be reviewed to determine appropriateness of each individual for the requested group(s). Registration requests received after the deadline will be assigned on a first come, first served basis while space is available.

If you wish to enroll in more than one group, please RANK the groups according to your preference. Please also indicate the TOTAL number of groups you would like to take. Places will be assigned based on your preference.

We encourage you to request as many groups as you wish; however, registration requests are not a guarantee of enrollment. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with your group placement no later than Monday, May 15, 2023. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the center.

**New Referrals**
To help us provide the best possible care, we ask that all new referrals send a recent evaluation report from another facility along with your application.

**Faculty**
Jerry Kaplan, M.A., CCC-SLP
Anne Carney, M.S., CCC-SLP
Michael Scimeca, MS, CF-SLP
Sydney Malaspina, P.T.
Jamie Fleshman, P.T.

**Note about Online and In Person Groups**
Information about joining online groups with Zoom will be shared after group confirmations have been sent out.
Please note that **in person** groups and **online** groups will be held separately. For example, you may not attend a specified in-person group online.

Descriptions below will indicate if the group will be held **in person** or **online**.

**Parking**

If you *require* parking close to the building, please indicate this on your registration form with the make and model of your car as well as your license plate number.

*Limited space is available* in our parking area located behind the building. Instruction on how to access the lot will be sent via email prior to the start of the program. Otherwise, there is a drop off location at the front of our building at 635 Commonwealth Avenue as well as metered parking along Commonwealth Ave.
Monday Morning Groups

**Toastmasters/Storytelling**

This group will focus on communicating effectively when speaking in groups. It is modeled after Toastmasters International, whose philosophy is to learn by doing in a supportive environment. Group Members will share stories and experiences on a variety of topics and will provide feedback to each other. Specific strategies in areas such as organization, eye contact, use of notes, and visual materials will be provided. The goal is to enable the storyteller/speaker to more effectively communicate in group speaking situations.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 10:30–11:45 am  
**Faculty:** Jerry Kaplan

Monday Afternoon Groups

**Total Conversation**

"Total Conversation" Group is a combination of past "Conversation" and "Total Communication" Groups. This group addresses functional communication through talking, writing, drawing, and forms of nonverbal communication such as gesture and pantomime. Music, poetry, and other forms of creative expression will also be encouraged. This Group will encourage participants with diverse types and severities of aphasia to exchange ideas and develop connections through all forms of communication.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm  
**Faculty:** Jerry Kaplan

**Book Club**

This group meets to discuss the content and ideas generated through reading a text. The “book” is ~300 pages in length and is chosen by the group members from a choice of 4-5 offered texts. Group members may read the text or listen to an audio version.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm  
**Faculty:** Michael Scimeca
Wednesday Morning Groups

Community Connection

This group uses structured activities to focus conversation around central themes or ideas and will end with a community-focused activity. In each session, we will work hierarchically through the chosen theme allowing group members to build on vocabulary and increase their communicative effectiveness. In the last week, depending on the current social distancing restrictions, we will plan an event to celebrate the theme for the semester. This may include a virtual community visit, such as a virtual tour of a local museum, or some other “safe” celebration of the theme. Our aim is to keep each session meaningful and interesting, creating opportunities to share ideas, experiences and have fun.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:45 am

Faculty: Michael Scimeca

Movies

This group will feature both classic and contemporary movies and documentaries, including silent movies. Participants will receive links to movies and documentaries to watch at home. During each session, we will watch specific scenes and discuss the plot, characters, relationships, and other aspects of the movie. Movie suggestions from group members are encouraged.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 10:30–11:45 am

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Wednesday Afternoon Groups

Conversation and Storytelling

This group will address functional communication through talking, gesturing, drawing, and writing. Drawing upon our experiences and interests, participants will practice using effective strategies to exchange ideas and develop connections through communication.

Meeting time: Mondays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Faculty: Michael Scimeca

Music Appreciation

The Music Appreciation Group, formerly the Chorus Group, will gather via Zoom Video to discuss, listen to, and perform songs from a variety of genres. Group members will be encouraged to share favorite songs, music videos, perform on their own musical instruments, and in group singing.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan
Thursday Group

Thursday Afternoon Groups

Walk & Talk

Are you interested in getting more steps this summer? This group will focus on community ambulation and social conversation within the BU campus and surrounding areas. Participants need to be able to walk for 10 minutes safely without help from someone else. Individual goals may be addressed related to strategies for walking speed, efficiency and endurance by Physical Therapy faculty. Speech Therapists will support individualized communication goals, divided attention skills and overall safety awareness.

Meeting time: Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:00 pm  Faculty: Anne Carney, Sydney Malaspina, and Jamie Fleshman
# Group Meeting Dates

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Now in its 34th year, the Aphasia Community Group provides education, support, socialization, and resources for those whose lives have been touched by aphasia and related disorders.

Presentations on treatment, recreation, community and family support are offered by group members and guests. In the last portion of each session, the group is divided into smaller "breakout" sessions to share ideas, feelings, and concerns.

The ACG is currently offering online sessions on the dates listed below. We will send email announcements about these online sessions with the zoom link information.

**Meeting time:** Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Faculty:** Jerry Kaplan

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| 10:30am-11:45 am | **Community Connection** (Michael Scimeca) In Person | **Aphasia Community Group**                      | **Walk & Talk** (Anne, Jamie, & Sydney) In Person | **May 6**
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|                  | **Movies** (Jerome Kaplan) Online            |                                                 | **June 3**                                    | **June 3**
|                  | **Fiction Book Club** (Michael Scimeca)      |                                                 | **June 24**                                   | **June 24**
|                  | Online                                       |                                                 | **July 15**                                   | **July 15**
|                  | **Conversation/Storytelling Group** (Michael Scimeca) In Person | **Music Appreciation** (Jerry Kaplan) Online | **In Person**                                  | **July 29**
|                  | **Total Conversation Group** (Jerry Kaplan) In Person |                                                     | **(2:00-3:00pm)**                             |                                                 |