

LIVABLE LIVES INITIATIVE

Livable Lives for People with Aphasia: Uncovering Barriers and Facilitators to Participation

Abstract: The overarching goal of this work is to identify the most pressing barriers and facilitators to achieving livable lives for people with aphasia, a communication problem commonly occurring after stroke. The purpose of this study is to uncover the most important influences on community participation in people with aphasia. Specifically, our study will uncover factors that people with aphasia perceive to be the most important barriers and facilitators to participation in community life through semi-structured videotaped interviews with communication support in 15 people with aphasia from the community. In addition, we will establish the feasibility of administering psychosocial and environmental measures by administering a battery of surveys adapted for people with aphasia to 30 participants. The impact of this study will be to create opportunities for new investigations and, ultimately, interventions to address barriers, thus enabling a person with aphasia to live a fuller life.

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