

Australian Aphasia Association (AAA) Charter of Rights



People with aphasia have the right to:

- Dignity and **respect**
- Know that they have **aphasia**
- An understanding from others that **aphasia does not affect intelligence**
- Be asked what they want and what they want to achieve
- Be offered accessible consent processes
- Have their **culture and language** background respected and accommodated
- Evidence-based health, rehabilitation, and social **services and supports** as needed over time which are tailored to their needs
- **Accessible information** through:
 - Interactions with trained, knowledgeable communication partners
 - **Adapted aphasia-friendly written information** including:
 - letters, reports, documents about health and social services
- Be **included and fully involved** in decisions that affect them
- Have supports to **access and use technologies** for social connection and rehabilitation
- **Connect** with others with aphasia
- Contribute their expertise as partners and participants in research
- Be **meaningfully involved in their community**



Values

Respect
Inclusivity
Access
Community



Vision

To promote awareness and informed understanding of aphasia to enable full participation



Mission

To be an effective national voice for people with aphasia in Australia



Slogan

Be heard!
Be seen!
Be part of it!

Contact us:

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