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ASPIRE NEWS

HALLOWEEN AT ASPIRE

November

Aspire Closing early

Nov. 25th at 3pm
Aspire will be CLOSED for
Thanksgiving
November 26 & 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

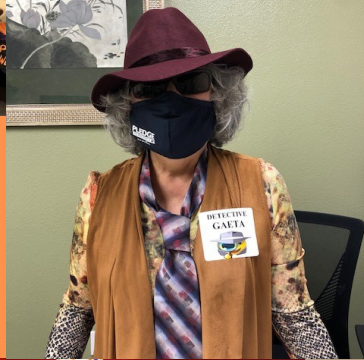
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Aphasia: A Neurological Disorder

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If your loved one ever experiences an injury to the brain, you may find that they are now faced with the challenge of overcoming a diagnosis called Aphasia. This is caused by an injury to the brain in the areas that produce or process speech and language. Where your loved one's brain was injured will affect the symptoms that they experience. You may find that they now struggle to understand or express themselves either verbally or even in writing. You may hear a variety of descriptions used by medical professionals to describe your loved one's injuries such as Broca's Aphasia, Transcortical Motor Aphasia, Wernicke's Aphasia, etc. These are just the medical field's way of identifying the areas of the brain affected and the types of symptoms that they will likely have. Your loved one will now need to seek care by a variety of professionals. Treatment will differ depending on the symptoms and severity. As time elapses from the initial injury, treatment may change and look different based on your loved one's needs. You may need to take them to a variety of appointments with different medical professionals: primary care physician, neurologist, speech-language pathologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, etc. If you or someone you know suddenly demonstrates trouble speaking, please contact your doctor immediately.

Resources:

Mayo Clinic

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/aphasia/symptoms-causes/syc-20369518>

ASHA

<https://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/aphasia/>

National Aphasia Association

<https://www.aphasia.org/aphasia-resources/aphasia-therapy-guide/>

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