"Viewed in the most positive sense, the diagnosis of primary progressive aphasia does not mean the end of communication. It can be the first step to identifying ways to maintain communication abilities for as long as possible."

~National Aphasia Association

What is PPA?

PPA is a language disorder that gradually impairs a person’s ability to speak or comprehend language over time.

Unlike aphasia that is acquired instantly as the result of a stroke or brain injury and improves over time, the onset of PPA is subtle, with symptoms arising slowly.

PPA occurs for a different reason, because the brain regions that control language become diseased and degenerate, resulting in communication difficulties that may mimic broader dementia.

Staying Connected:

An 8-week Program for People with Primary Progressive Aphasia

Learn More...

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The "bomb" (my PPA diagnosis) was just dropped in my lap and left me overwhelmed, afraid and alone. Being in a room of people who really understand - that is huge. This [MnCAN] group has been a way to connect and learn. Thank you for starting this group! ~Mary
About the *Staying Connected* Program

**Education and Support Group**
- 8 weeks focused on education, resources and support for care partners and persons living with Primary Progressive Aphasia.
- The 8 week program will be offered twice yearly.
- Meetings are 90 minutes long and are facilitated by a Speech-Language Pathologist and periodic involvement of a Medical Social Worker.
- Classes are located at the Neuroscience Center in St Paul.

**Follow-up Support Group**
This group is available for those persons with PPA and their care partners who have completed the 8-week *Staying Connected* Program. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support during the journey with PPA.

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Referral and Registration

1. Health care professional and/or self referrals: contact MnCAN at 612-524-8802 or email contact@mncan.org. MnCAN will contact the referral to complete an Intake form.

2. If accepted into the program, a registration packet will be sent.

3. Tuition is due with the returned forms; financial support is available upon request.

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About MnCAN

MnCAN is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs that help people with aphasia improve communication and life participation. The main focus has been on programs for persons with aphasia primarily resulting from stroke or brain injury.

MnCAN provides conversation practice groups facilitated by licensed speech-language pathologists and care partner support programs.

The focus on a program for persons with Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) is intended to provide education and support for care partners as well as persons with PPA. The goal is to better understand the process of PPA and how to best maintain communication skills and life participation for as long as possible.