

## Be in the Know



More than 86% of people surveyed in the U.S. have never heard the term **“aphasia.”** Aphasia is a language disorder that impairs the ability to communicate.

One million people in the U.S. are estimated to have aphasia, commonly as a result of stroke. Stroke survivors with aphasia face an increased incidence of post-stroke depression versus stroke survivors with no aphasia.

**Aphasia does impact language:** listening, writing, reading and speaking

**Aphasia does NOT impact intelligence**



## Tips for better communication with someone with aphasia:



Be patient. Allow extra time for them to communicate and keep it simple.



Use a variety of ways to communicate — writing, facial expressions, speaking, pictures, phone/communication apps.



Communication takes two — be direct and confirm what's said.