



Just A.S.K. (Aphasia
Stroke Knowledge)

*Providing Education, Resources, and Support for
Individuals with Aphasia and Communication
Disorders.*

What We Do:

- Resource Support
Connecting individuals with aphasia and communication disabilities to essential resources for greater independence.
- Educational Outreach
Raising awareness in the community and promoting effective accommodations for people with communication challenges. Just A.S.K. proudly hosts the area's only Annual Aphasia Conference.
- Community Support Groups
Offering a safe and supportive environment through group activities tailored for individuals with aphasia, stroke survivors, and those with brain injuries, fostering mutual support and empowerment.

Who We Serve:

- Individuals with aphasia and communication disabilities
- Care partners and family members.
- Healthcare and community professionals

For More Information:

Contact Denise Lowell at Just A.S.K. by calling (401)465-9365, emailing President@justaskri.org, or visiting www.justaskri.com [justaskri.com].



Tech Time

ATEL Tech Time is a program focusing on helping to bridge the digital divide of older adults and individuals with disabilities.

In addition to free Tech Support, we also provide FREE landline or wireless devices (tablets or smartphones) to RI residents that have a hearing, speech or neuromuscular disabilities and meets an income criterion.

For More Information:

Contact the ATEL Program at (401) 486-3325, [emailing denise.corson@ors.ri.gov](mailto:denise.corson@ors.ri.gov), or visiting www.ors.ri.gov/programs/adaptive-telephone-equipment-loan-program-atel



Talking Books Library (TBL) and Library Services for People with Disabilities provides reading materials to the print disabled. TBL is a general library collection of books and magazines in alternate formats. Once you become a member of TBL, you may also apply for a BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) account which allows you to download your digital books in a matter of minutes to your cartridge or mobile device.

Contact Talking Books at (401) 574-9310 or email talking.books@olis.ri.gov



Technology: Why It's More Important Than Ever

Speech disabilities, and communication disorders make interacting with family and friends challenging.

Individuals with Aphasia often rely on visual cues such as facial expressions, gestures, or written words to enhance their speaking and understanding; technology can be a game changer.

The ATEL Program is looking to both improve access and acquisition of technology, to individuals with disabilities, but also making sure that there are opportunities to receive Tech Training around the state both in person and virtual.

IP Relay

IP Relay connects telephone conversations between people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or have a Speech Disability using an internet-connected device and the IP Relay application.

Once connected, all you need to do is type what you want to say to the IP Relay operator. The IP Relay operator then reads your message aloud to your caller and types your caller's response back to you.

Download T-Mobile IP Relay Mobile App.

<https://tmobileip.com/auth/login>

Speech to Speech Relay

Speech-to-Speech (STS) Relay is especially useful for people who have difficulty speaking or being understood on the telephone. STS involves specially trained Communication Assistants (CA) who are familiar with the speech patterns of a wide variety of individuals who have difficulty being understood. Establish a Customer Profile to store helpful information about your calls. This will allow the CA to process your calls more efficiently. Dial 711 for operator.

<https://hamiltonrelay.com/rhode-island/how-it-works/sts-speech-to-speech.html>

CapTel Relay

CapTel Relay is for people with some degree of hearing loss, the Captioned Telephone works like any other telephone with one important addition: It displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation. CapTel users can listen to the caller and can also read the written captions in display window. Although other disability groups can benefit from captioning, like people with Aphasia, you do have to be diagnosed with a hearing loss to use this service. There are both landline Captioning phones and Apps.

Download one of CapTel Relay Mobile Apps; there are many different CapTel Apps: CaptionCall, InnoCaption, CaptionMate, Nagish, and Hamilton Relay.

Apple Accessibility

Live Speech

Live Speech works on the iPhone, iPad, and Mac, allowing users to type what they want to say and have it spoken out loud during phone calls and FaceTime calls, as well as in-person conversations."

Personal Voice

With Personal Voice, you can create a synthesized voice that sounds like your own to communicate with family and friends. Use your Personal Voice to type to speak in FaceTime and phone calls, assistive communication apps, and in-person conversations.

Android Accessibility

Live Transcribe

Live Transcribe is a smartphone application to get realtime captions developed by Google for the Android operating system.

Apple and Android Accessibility

Live Captions

You can have someone speak near your phone, and it will print their words on your device screen. This is an excellent tool if you like to hear and read simultaneously for better understanding.

Speak Screen/Select to Speak

Have your device read everything on the screen to you. You can read along or use this to hear the words if you have trouble reading.

Speech Apps

Speech-language pathologist (SLP) have experience working with adults with aphasia and other communication challenges and can share their insights on what works best for them from the wide range of **speech therapy apps**.