Who Are the Caregivers of People with Aphasia?

Lingraphica's **2020 Aphasia Caregiver Report** provides a never-before-seen look at the individuals who care for someone with aphasia. Here is what you need to know.

By the Numbers: A Closer Look at Caregivers

Caregivers come from all different walks of life, reside in different geographic regions, and have diverse backgrounds. But they also share a lot in common.

55+









82%

are **Age 55**+ 77% are

Female

are the Spouse

56%

are **Retired** 31%

Employed

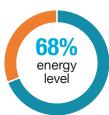
The Mental, Emotional, and Physical Impact

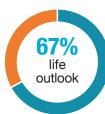
Caregivers report a worsening in all of the following since their loved one acquired aphasia.

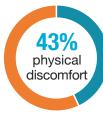














Caregivers Experience Worsening Relationships

Caregivers say these relationships have worsened since the person acquired aphasia:

50% • Friends **43%** • The Person with Aphasia **41%** • People in General

Activities Aphasia Caregivers Help With

Approximately 2 out of 3 caregivers spend one third of their waking day assisting their loved ones with activities like:









69%



Biggest Challenges Caregivers Face:

Caregivers share a variety of challenges. But the single most common is their inability to communicate or converse with the person who has aphasia.

93% Inability to communicate or converse

80% Adjusting to the person's dependence

79% Motivating the person with aphasia

77% Finding time for self-care, personal activities

69% Keeping up with household chores

Motivations for Doing What They Do:

Despite all of the challenges caregivers have largely altruistic intentions for doing what they do.



90% are invested in the person's

quality of life



78% want to aid in his/her recovery



71% feel it is a personal obligation

Getting Aphasia Caregivers the Support They Need

Because communication is the biggest challenge, we recommend resources like:

Aphasia Communication Tips

Learn fundamental principles you can use for everyday communication.

Life with Aphasia Blog

Insights around everyday communication, and much more.

Find a Speech Therapist

Speech therapists can help you both improve your communication.



Lingraphica Can Help

Finally, Lingraphica offers free one-on-one consultations for caregivers who want to improve communication with their loved ones and help to aid their recovery but aren't entirely sure where to start. Learn more at:

www.aphasia.com/improve-communication

