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The Aphasia Center of California opened its doors in 1996, and was the first independent nonprofit organization in the nation dedicated to providing direct services to persons with aphasia. Its treatment programs offer a “lifeline” for participating individuals, their families, and caregivers—creating a community of people that support and understand one another.

In 1994, Dr. Elman received national funding to conduct a randomized controlled trial to investigate the efficacy and effectiveness of group communication treatment. This research showed that there was significant value in receiving regular group “communication workouts,” as meaningful improvement could continue for years. Many individuals who participated in the program began to venture outside of their homes and return to community life for the first time.

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