Social Approaches to Treatment

2 Communicative Partners (Lyon, 1992)
- Paradigm shift to handicap: improve quality of life
- Goal: for person with aphasia to assume an active participation in life
- To restore control, direction, purpose and destiny to life

3 What does it take to be psychosocially healthy?
- Ryff (1989) study of adults
  » positive relationships with others
  » self acceptance
  » autonomy
  » personal growth
  » mastery of environment
  » purpose and direction

4 Communication Partners Program
- community volunteers, training session
- planned outings in community

5 Measures
- traditional: Boston, ASHA FACS
- nontraditional: Affect Balance Scale, Psychosocial Well-being Index

6 Supported Conversation (Kagan, 1999)
- based on idea of conversation partnership
- Goal: to create a feeling of having an adult conversation
- partner acts as resource

7 Methods:
- one day workshop for volunteers
- technical module of ideas to facilitate conversation
- integrative role play
- provision of pictographic communication resource manual

8 Group Treatment
- types of groups
- goals of groups