

G & G Living Centers, Inc. Receives Alpine Communications Grant

G & G Living Centers, Inc. has received a grant from Alpine Communications in the amount of \$1,000.00. The grant was used to purchase Boardmaker Software, Visual Training Systems, and timers for individuals with autism and mental retardation.

Natisha Burmeister, Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Manager for G & G Living Centers, Inc. explains, "Individuals with autism and mental retardation may not be able to process spoken language, so pictures are often used to communicate. Boardmaker software includes a library of over 4,500 pictures that allows us to create personalized communication cards and picture schedules to meet the unique communication needs of each individual."

Visual Training Systems assist individuals in daily tasks such as bathing, brushing teeth, hand washing, and grooming. Individuals simply following a sequence of photos to complete an activity or task. "Our mission at G & G Living Centers, Inc. is to empower people to



maximize their independence. Visual Training Systems allow individuals to be independent each day," adds Burmeister.



Natisha Burmeister, HCBS Manager, assembles a picture schedule with materials purchased with funds from Alpine Communications.

Thank you Alpine Communications!