

## AT Assessment for Venancio

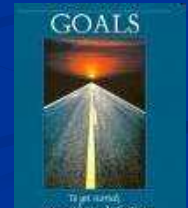


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## Goals

- **Goal 1:** More independent, effective communication
  - Professionals i.e. (Doctor, Podiatrist, etc.)
  - People who don't know him well i.e. (people at church, cashiers, taxi drivers, waiters and waitresses.)
- **Goal 2:** Communicate with his mother in Spanish, by phone.
- **Goal 3:** Remember daily needs i.e.
  - Medication
  - Water
  - Food
- **Goal 4:** Compression socks
- **Goal 5:** Understand paper schedule for the day program



## Keys

- Daily Activities & Routines
- Quality of life
- Independence
- Inclusion
- Self satisfaction
- Participation



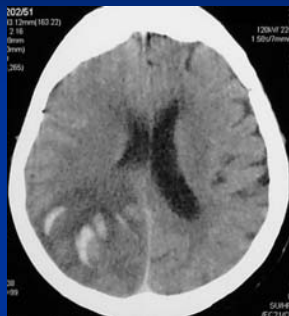
## Strengths

- Prepares microwave meals
- Makes coffee
- Vocalizes (few consonants)
- Gestures
- Facial expressions
- Receptive language
- Pictures & Icons



## Weaknesses

- Trouble with
- Aphasia-
  - Hemi paresis
  - Numbers
  - Letters
  - Words
  - Memory




## Case Manager

- Chris
- Transportation-
  - Cab- had trouble telling where he needed to go
  - Drove around but never arrived at the intended destination
  - Life coach takes him
- Strangers treat him like he doesn't know anything



- Lives in a group home
- Content with status quo- doesn't ask for needs
- Uses debit card for most things
- Trouble knowing how to figure out change



## Settings

### Home



Microwave

Venancio's kitchen set up 2

13 Loves coffee



Picture labels for cabinets

Aid's check list

Plan of care

Lifeline


Venancio's kitchen set up

Plan of care

## Lifeline




14 Lifeline



5 Red meals

Light dinner after center



4 Big meal

Big meal when



Venancio with large meals



Venancio with small meals

## Good snacks



6 Good snacks



8 yogurt

## Good Foods



9 Milk



10 good foods



Special dessert

Katie helps Venancio daily-  
food- dressing- etc!

Vanancio with his desserts

## Life Coach

Helps with

- Mail & bills
- Groceries
- Drug store
- Doctors appointments
- Other appointments
- Understanding choices & consequences
- Many other things!!!



Blood sugar

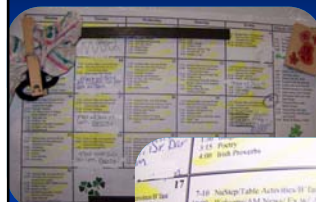
Technology used to  
check

Someone helps him



7 Blood sugar check

## Center Schedule



12 Schedule



schedule on the refrigerator

## Day Center



15 Circle at the center



16 Circle at the center



20 Lunch plate with a push side



21 Lunch plate with a push side

## BINGO



24 playing Bingo



25 playing Bingo



## Venancio is a WINNER



27 Bingo Winner



28 Bingo Winner

## Enjoys Activities at the Center

- He can be understood much of the time but
- Sometimes needs to have a way to clarify meanings



Venancio with plant

## Doctors

Went to the podiatrist

- Signed in
- Needed help remembering what to tell the doctor
  - Swelling
  - Change in medication
  - Answering questions about blood sugar
  - About exercise and walking
  - Shoes
- When the procedure was painful



## Church

- Friends take him
- Passive participation
- Doesn't talk with many others



## Stores

- Wal-mart—
  - Didn't purchase
  - Didn't ask questions
- Chipolte
  - Ordered only with great encouragement
  - Needed persistence for the person to understand what he said



Venancio with a burrito at a restaurant

## Communication

- Biggest need for
  - Clarification with friends (sometimes)
  - Greater participation
  - Interaction with paid professionals &
  - Interaction with strangers
- Important- don't include words that can be communicated already!
  - Yes
  - No
  - BINGO!



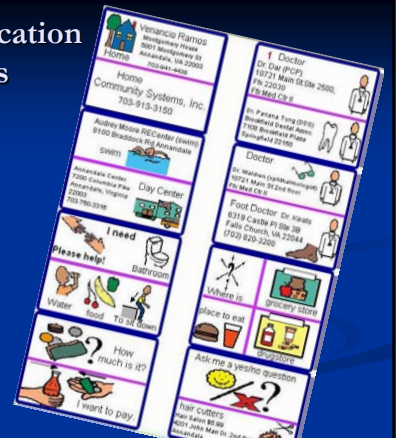
## Low Tech Answers

- Schedule pictures
- Communication cards



## Communication Cards

- Boardmaker
- Card stock
- Laminate
- Hole
- Key ring
- Color code

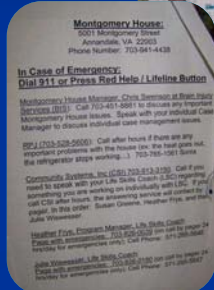


## Posted Information

- Pictures could help



Posted Emergency info 2



## Communication Cards on Keys



Venancio with the Communication card



Communication card for Venancio

## Communication Aids

- Pictures
- Must
  - Anticipate needed phrases and words
  - Add new phrases frequently
  - Find someone to set up and update



## Communication Cards

Created

Purchased \$95.00



- Inexpensive
- According to client's needs



## Tried

- Photo Album
  - Could help
  - Need to find a smaller one
- "Talking" Photo Album
  - Was able to push the buttons to operate it
  - Was a bit cumbersome
  - Took too long to find the picture and activate the button
  - Could yell Bingo much more quickly



## Tried

- Communication cards-
  - Liked them
  - Offered a ring for them
  - Wanted to keep them -
  - Needed to make them more sturdy
  - Requested smaller size



## His Mom

- Lives in El Salvadore
- Speaks Spanish
- Hasn't seen Venancio in years
- He can't write to her
- When he calls, she cannot understand him
- He would like to
  - Tell her
    - He loves her
    - About church
    - About BINGO

Ask her

How she is

## Tried

- Spring board
  - Was able to use the buttons to "say" words
  - He liked using it
- Springboard with Spanish-
  - Too difficult to change from Spanish to English



## Other Possibilities

- Small computer with
- Communication software- Speaking Dynamically Pro

\$240 -  
\$400



\$649



## Other Possibilities

- Hand held computer with
- Communication software-

Price \$2995.00



- Jive – 2395 + Australian Dollars!

## Other Possibilities

- Dedicated Augmentative Device
- <http://www.prentrom.com/>
- Prentke Romich Company

SpringBoard™  
Lite  
Price: \$2,395.00



Vantage™  
Lite

Powerful AAC  
communication  
on the go! Price:

Price:  
\$7,295.00



## Bilingual Augmentative Communication

- <http://www.dynavoxtech.com/products/m3/>
- Spanish Language Products
  - Bilingual Spanish/English communication devices
  - Interaction across a wide range of settings
  - fast transition from one language to the other.
  - dynamic display AAC device for emergent communicators of all ages
  - Concrete scenes & symbols
  - Medicare funding code- E 2506

Price \$3285



The M3 by DynaVox

## V by Dynavox

- The bi-lingual Spanish/English V and Vmax devices provide pre-made Spanish content Over 3600 of the InterAACT pages translated into Spanish
- On-device Spanish How-To Help guides
- Spanish system menus
- Spanish keyboards with accented characters
- Spanish Training Modules
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Price- \$7395.00

## Reminders

- Watch-

<http://www.difflearn.com/category/s>



**Vibralite Vibrating Watch** personalized, ideal for setting up reminders

- Options- Audio- vibrating- both 2 alarms and a reminder- either audio , vibration, or both every \_\_\_\_ duration. So we could set it for 3 hours and when it vibrates have a check list
- \$49.95**

## Reminders

- Watch-[Timex Men's Ironman Data Link USB Watch #T53722](#)



**\$49.97**



Can be set for reminders.  
 May be difficult for a non reader.

## Reminders

- [Community Integration Suite](#)
- This picture-supported cell phone with scheduling system that uses audio and picture cues.
- Ideal for individuals with short-term memory issues or traumatic brain injury.



**\$1,799.00**

## Picture to Text

- Pix Writer 3.0
- Spanish & English
- Auditory output
- For writing and labeling
- \$ 199.



Computer already available

## Sock Aides



**\$30.95**

Compression Stocking Aid  
**\$29.99**

- \$19.95



- Sock aid

[http://www.amerimark.com/cgi-bin/amerimark/postkey\\_find.html?cm\\_mmc=channel\\_\\_engine\\_-\\_media\\_-\\_028455&keywords=028455&media=G60710&ci\\_src=14110944&ci\\_sku=028455](http://www.amerimark.com/cgi-bin/amerimark/postkey_find.html?cm_mmc=channel__engine_-_media_-_028455&keywords=028455&media=G60710&ci_src=14110944&ci_sku=028455)



## Signing name

- Has trouble holding paper to sign name
- Signature guide
- Plastic
- # 2222
- \$0.59
- [http://www.beyondsight.com/Writing\\_Aids1.htm](http://www.beyondsight.com/Writing_Aids1.htm)
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## Venancio Has many options!



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