Flexible hours. Great pay.

Are you interested in a job where you set your own schedule?

Do you want to help others learn life skills and reach new goals?

Are you age 21 or older and have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED)?

Learn about becoming an Alternative Living provider by contacting a resource manager at your local Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) office or contacting regional staff on the back of this brochure.





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Become an Alternative Living Provider



What is Alternative Living?

Alternative Living (AL) offers one -onone life skills instruction to individuals to help them maintain or increase independence in their home and community.

AL providers help people reach goals related to their:

- Home life
- Interests and activities in the community
- Relationships
- Health and safety
- Self-advocacy
- Personal growth and learning

Alternative Living helps individuals live the life they want by staying connected with their family, friends and community. I get to help people live their best life. It gives me a lot of satisfaction knowing that I make a difference. —Edwin R., Alternative Living Provider

What support will you provide?

- Give input on service plan development and goal setting.
- Life skills instruction designed to meet the person's individual learning style and interests.
- Promoting personal power and choice.

How will you be paid?

AL providers work as independent contractors for the Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disabilities Administration (DSHS DDA).

As an AL provider, you receive an hourly rate and mileage reimbursement for any travel with a client.

Who can receive Alternative Living services?

An individual must be:

- 18 or older.
- Living outside of their parents' home, or plan on moving out of their parents' home.
- Authorized to receive residential services from DDA and enrolled in the Core waiver.



