

Our unique atmosphere at each apartment location provides the youth we serve with a realistic vision of life and what to expect as a responsible adult. It helps them to prepare for living independently. Based upon Individualized Service Plans, Prudent Parenting strategies, and basic competency development in essential life skills, this constitutes the core of programming.

ALS incorporates many best practice services including; social and behavioral management programing; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT); and the Daniel Memorial Independent Living modules as a foundation for long-term health and social living. Each youth involved in our programs receives an initial assessment to determine their individual needs. Based on the evaluation, the youth can measure their success within the program through our Behavioral Management system which focuses on their primary and immediate needs; cognitive and emotional growth; the educational plan for success, employment adjustment, vocational interests, independent living skills, and the experiential exchange of learning and living. Throughout the program, the youth and young adults demonstrate their competency development which is focused on budgeting; grocery shopping, menu planning, pricing and content; housing leases, repairs, upkeep, cleaning, and laundry; utilities use and bill paying; banking, safety, employment, and other specific individual skills. As youth advance through each program phase, they earn more privileges with the added responsibilities that accompany a more independent lifestyle.

Transitional Living and Supervised Independent Living apartments are located in Greensburg and around the Westmoreland County area.

Alternative Living Solutions

We expect a youth's experience with the foster care and juvenile justice system to end with us. Through providing an array of programming opportunities for our youth, ALS believes that we can be their last placement. Our comprehensive approach offers a seamless transition for our youth to achieve self-sufficiency within the community. We believe that stability and consistency create the atmosphere of trust our youth need for successful development. With the Starfish as our corporate symbol and story of the StarThrower by Loren Eisley as our guide, we believe, in a metaphorical way

" We teach our youth how to swim; learning and living the skill sets they need so they do not wash helplessly ashore again; and then returning them to the sea to carry on fulfilling and productive lives."

John Bukovac, CEO / Founder 2007

ALS is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)

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www.als-pa.com

Alternative Living Solutions



Our Mission

Alternative Living Solutions is committed to developing innovative programming that challenges and enhances community supports for the youth and families we serve.

Our Services

Transitional Living and Supervised Independent Living Arrangements for Youth 16 through 20 years of age who are aging out of the Juvenile Court and Foster Care Systems.

Our Credentials

Alternative Living Solution is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. ALS is licensed by the PA Department of Human Services, Office of Children Youth and Families, regulations: 3800 Transitional Living and 3680 Supervised Independent Living. These services are available for adolescent and young adults adjudicated by the courts.

Be a StarThrower

Programs

Facilities

Referrals and Admissions

Transitional Living

Broad Street Apartments

1339, 1339A, and 1339B Broad Street
Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-834-3496
Fax: 724-834-4200



Georges Station Apartments

915 Georges Station Road
Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-837-2341
Fax: 724-836-2469



Georges Station Apartments

917A and 917B Georges Station Rd.
Greensburg, Pa, 15601
Phone: 724-837-2341
Fax: 724-836-2469



Twin Run

921 Georges Station Road
Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-837-2341
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Supervised Independent Living

Several locations within the
Westmoreland County, Pa area.

Ideal candidates are young adults who have the ability and desire to succeed beyond their current situation. While they seek permanent connections in their lives, ALS supports their efforts in realizing and reaching their potential by moving past negative peer and community pressures. The youth may be first time placements, or individuals who finally understand the reasons behind their former or current placement. They may be experiencing the aspects of a disruptive adoption, or just aging out of the foster care system. For some youth, ALS is a great resource as a step-up from a RTF or group home placement. Most importantly, they are youth who now realize and understand that running away, hurting themselves, and aggressively acting out are ineffective behaviors as they prepare for the approaching young adult years. The youth who succeeds best is one who needs the opportunity to rid themselves of the negative peers and problematic institutional situations that often provoke many of the troublesome behaviors. The youth flourish when they no longer pursue those institutional behaviors and instead begin to learn and practice behaviors that permits and encourages them to excel independently and positively in their life.

Referrals can be made by visiting our website www.als-pa.com or by contacting:

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