

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, Trauma Informed Care, Prudent Parenting strategies, and basic competency development in essential life skills, these components constitute the core of programming.

ALS incorporates many best practice services including social and behavioral management programming; 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 Easley 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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## Alternative Living Solutions



### Our Mission

**Alternative Living Solutions, a Trauma Aware Agency, is Committed to Developing Innovative Programming that Challenges and Enhances Community Support for the Youth, Young Adults 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**

**Transitional Living**

**Broad Street Apartments**

1339A, 1339B, and 1339C 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.

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