



Direct Support Professional Apprenticeship Opportunity

Starts: April 5, 2021 | Deadline to register: March 26, 2021

About the Apprenticeship

A FREE NEW APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

- Weekly 1 hour Video conferences with an Anchorage-based instructor for 40-50 weeks
- At-your-own-time weekly computer best-practices curriculum from Elsevier's College of Direct Support
- Work while you learn model—designed for one year full-time or 2000 hours total employment if part time.
- "Grow Our Own" Workforce—keep your DSP's through best-practice training and mentorship.

How it Works

AGENCY WILL:

- Sign agency agreement with APCA to provide instruction and documentation.
- Hire or choose 1-2 highly motivated staff to enter program.
- Provide On-The-Job learning and mentoring to apprentice (ratio: 2 staff to 1 mentor).
- Track On-The-Job learning competencies.
- Inform APCA the status of apprentices in their OJL.
- Follow wage schedule at rate approved by the apprenticeship (or higher wage as paid by the agency).

APCA WILL:

- Help recruit new staff through the pre-apprenticeship program (PATH Academy).
- Provide related instruction by a qualified DSP Trainer.
- Support mentors when needed.
- Track apprenticeship progress with the Alaska Department of Labor.

APPRENTICES WILL:

- Make a commitment to complete OJL at competency level.
- Take part in all related instruction taught by APCA staff.
- Work with their mentor to excel at their position.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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