

Maria Perkins

Maria Perkins works with Alternatives Inc. as the *Training Manager for Professional Development*.

Maria's work includes:

- Training and group facilitation
- Conducting Training of Facilitators (TOF)
- Teaching an accredited youth development course at the local community college
- Capacity building with youth as well as adults who work with young people, and
- Cultivating healthy community development

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Maria Perkins is a National and International Trainer with certifications including:

- Academy for Educational Development (AED) National Training Institute (NTI) for Community Youth Work, Washington DC
- NTI National Faculty, Washington DC
- Wingspan LLC, Richmond VA

She is also a nationally certified BEST Advancing Youth Development (AYD) Facilitator. Additionally, she partnered in establishing the Regional Delivery System for the Advancing Youth Development training and curriculum in southeastern Virginia.