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## Alive at 25 is a four-hour young driver intervention program targeted toward drivers age 16-24.

The Montgomery County Youth Bureau, in collaboration with the District Attorney's office and the National Safety Council, instructs Alive at 25 with the focus to persuade attendees to take responsibility for their driving behavior and to adopt safer driving practices in regards to:

- Cell phone use
- **Distractions**
- **Driver inexperience**
- Peer pressure
- **Speeding**
- **Texting**

The goal of this program is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and collisions.

Research studies show that young drivers possess foundational knowledge of driving methods and traffic laws. However, because of their inexperience and their casual attitudes toward driving, they often use poor judgment and/or make poor driving choices when they are behind the wheel.

Alive at 25 is designed and structured using a modular approach, and includes videos and animations and other audio/visual elements, including photos and graphics. With a strong emphasis on classroom participation, participants are encouraged to join in non-judgmental discussions – exploring how changing driver behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.

Whereas driver education teaches the mechanics of cars, road handling and state laws, Alive at 25 focuses on:

- **Behavior**
- **Judgment**
- **Decision making**
- Consequences
- Provides tools for making positive choices

## **Program Requirements:**

- Reserve a seat by calling the Montgomery County Youth Bureau at (518) 853-4355
- Pay a \$50 registration fee at class check-in
- Provide Driver's License at class check-in
- Must attend full 4-hour class

## **Referral Source:**

- **Courts**
- **Criminal Justice Agencies**
- **Parental**
- **Schools**
- Self

