

# Entrepreneur's Corner

## Adapting To Being Your Own Boss <sup>®</sup>

(NAPSA)—Though the thought of leaving a world full of benefits such as health care insurance, retirement plans, paid vacation and more might make you cringe, there are many benefits to operating your own business.

However, transitioning from the corporate world to the small-business world can seem difficult initially. Here are a few things to keep in mind when making the change:

- As the boss, you are in a position to set the hours of operation and choose your time off from work. Plus, you get to hire people you enjoy working with each day, relieving the issue of “bad co-workers.”

- Associations for the self-employed and small businesses exist. Consider the advantages of an association membership that offers health care, travel discounts and more to relieve your out-of-pocket costs.

- Sell what you want. You will make more profits doing something geared toward your passions.

Starting your own business puts the power in your hands. Enjoy the benefits that come with operating your own enterprise and gain confidence that you are leading the kind of life you desire.

One organization that helps entrepreneurs is the Alliance for Affordable Services, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping members live better and save more. The Alliance uses the power of the group to negotiate significant savings on a variety of business, lifestyle and health care benefits for more than 150,000 members. For more information, visit [www.AffordableServices.org](http://www.AffordableServices.org) or call (800) 733-2242.