

WORK-AT-HOME

inding work at home jobs can seem overwhelming and confusing The first and most important step to getting started is to assess your skills, finances and family dynamics. Then figure what's best for you. Whether you want to be a telecommuter at independent contractor, these work at home jobs lend themselves well to a home office

say are the pros and cons of being a work at How did you get started working from home? In this type of lob?

any advice or resources you can offer our recoders?



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2 I graduated with a master's degree in school counseling in 2009 and am a licensed school counseloe. I have been unable to find a job in school counseling since or any other counseling position for that motter. Because I have a possion for counseling and education, I started my verbice called CounselorMorn (http://www.counselormorn.com). I started making a little bit of money from affiliates and advertising. so I started a company called CounselorMorn, LLC. CounselorMorn is a website catered to stay at home moms that offers coupons, household organization, and parenting advice; however, it is different from other mom blogs since I offer knowledge from a school counselor standpoint. I think I'm one of the only school counselor mom bloggers that I can find.

3 Starting a business from home is like any other job. It is hard work. It is not easy to make money 3 Satting a business from home is like any other Joh. It is not a fast work. It is not easy to make money quickly and a lot of work goes not. It am still typing to make money and an motober even my goal, but I'm working on it. It is also wise to be careful when starting any business from home because there are a lot of scams out there... a lot trying to grab stay at home mome attention. It is also wise to be careful when starting any business from home because there are a lot of scams out there... a lot trying to grab stay at home mome attention, it is also wise to be careful when starting any business from home because there are a lot of scams out there... a lot trying to grab. stay at home mome attention like the old saying "If it sounds to good to be true, it probably is". Also, it's best to find a mentor who can give you advice if you want to work from home.

Proc They would include making my own schedule without fear of missing a special occasion, being successful on your own, my family can help me with my job, I can work in my pajamas, I am my own boss, getting to meet new people and helping them have fun times with all of their friends. Pumpered Chef offers great training materials to help you succeed and uses great incentives to urgs you along. Coms would be being dependent upon boyers to make money, dealing with rejection and not taking it personally, and you need to be motivated to succeed everyday.

2 I went to a party and I saw that getting in that business was both practical and profitable. I signed up for an affordable fee and received a starter lot, which included everything I needed to be successful in the beginning. After a grand opening party to let all my friends know I was open for business and a successful start, I didn't have to use personal money on business supplies for the first year. I chose this type of job because it is flexible and fun. Also, I choose Pampered Chef because everyone eats, entertains,

3 There are so many good companies to work for our there. The most important thing is to find the one you have to do everydag. It is not week if you enjoy doing it. Ask friends and family what they think you would be good at and what interests them because they will be to established certain times that being the contraction of the are for work. Set written goals that are visible and make your family aware of them to help support you.

I try to make three contacts a day about my business at various places. Make sure that your husband and kids are willing to support you; you need their support. The most important thing is to find the IOB you love to do everyday.



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Proy: No commute, schedule my time and work faster. I can work from any location as long as there is a wireless connection, my smartphone and my laptop.

Cons: Sometimes my husband and kids forget that I am working when they see me walking and sitting in the living room...] am actually drawing implication away from my computer and an still in work mode.

2 I started working with a business couch to get the skills needed in this changing economy. I stayed home full time with our levels for any bome full time with my kids for many years and that gap made it hard to find a decent job. I had no continuous work record. Through the business coaching I found my passion and strength and started a writing service company specializing in travel, content and web copywriting.

3 If you are a mom who has a career gap or have left work and find that you are no longer employable, find a business couch that you can trust. Pay him/her to teach you the skills needed to start a business or get a job. I believe moms (even if they are a stay at home mom) will benefit if we keep up with relevant skills for future employment or businesses. There may come a time, you never know wh with retevent sains not native employment or noninesses. Here may come a time, you never know when your financial or martial status might change and you may find yourself at a crossroad. Willy us be able to take new challenges? Could you survive in the marketplace? What if you cart find a job? If moms are just watching IT with having codie chasts to fill their time. Like what I did before, one day they might wake up feeling lost and unable to find a job. Starting a business requires skills, even if you want to join a network marketing company. By buying a starter kit from a network company does not make us business owners...there are some skills involved. My advice...find yourself a coach you trust and follow directions and do the work.

Proc For me, the pros outweigh the cons. Having flexibility in my schedule is key. I love being able

Cons: The major disadvantage is that my income reflects a part-time workload. In the future, when both my kods are in school full time, I hope to make up the difference! Working from home can also be solitary, so you have to make the effort to network through professional groups, both online and in person. 2 Taccepted my first paid writing assignments while I was still employed full-time. A former employer needed a freduncer to write press releases, which I could do in my spare time. I also wrote several ampaid travel articles for websites in order to build up a portfolio of published work.

3 My advice to anyone considering freehance writing, especially if they are currently working for summone else, would be to that it as a side business and devador substitution with advice of

I knowsee else, would be to start it as a side business and develop relationships with editors and corporate clients. Also consider how you will get health insurance if you don't have a spouse with job benefits; you may be able to obtain it through a professional organization. Freelance retriting requires little overhead; mainly a computer and email account! There are many different types of writing from which you can earn money. The majority of my work is for corporate clients, striling press releases, messeletters, and copy, and website copy; I started a family trued blog. "Ga BG or Go Home," both for fun, and as a platform to "show off "my writing skills, Blogs can be used to earn revenue, as well, but you need to build a lot of traffic before you can sell ad space on your blog.

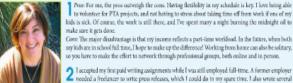
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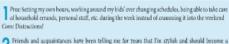
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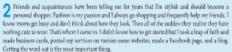




make sure it gets done.

There are many websites listing writing jobs. You really have to search to find work, which is fairly compensated, though, I joined Freelance Success early on, and have found it to be not only a good source of leads, but also a source of camaraderie, advice, and support





3 Personal shopping to me something either you instinctively can or can't do. It has to come from within you, the passion and desire to style people, as well as an eye for it. I've always been the one my friends would ask to help them shop so I got a lot of practice.

That said, I did look at other present shoppers without points to see what kind of services they offer. I looked on Craigh List, Google, and asked friends if they're ever used one and how it went. I found a niche, styling moms. Finding your oven niche is a great voy to distinguish yourself from everyone clee. And wond of mouth is the best advertising there is.



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