

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center, Inc.



**CHAPEL HAVEN
SCHLEIFER CENTER**
GROW THRIVE BELONG



Transition Programs

What are they?

- Programs that provide instruction and support in developing the adulting skills needed to move from high school to life as a young adult

Why do they matter?

- Gaining skills = reducing reliance on parents/family/funding needs
- Dropping off the school cliff impacts social and community engagement

What are the essential components?

- Adult daily living skills, social and communication skills, health/wellness and leisure time management, self-determination, vocational skills, and supports for college
- Think about what the next step looks like – what are the skills that are missing to enable this next step?

How do I evaluate potential programs?

- Ask about accreditation (such as CARF), staff longevity, curriculum, speak with current families, tour (not just for program facts, but how does it feel? How do individuals interact with staff?)

How did Chapel Haven Schleifer Center start?



CHSC original site – New Haven, CT



1972: Chapel Haven Founded

On Chapel Street in New Haven by two Maplebrook School families.

REACH program – six students and two staff.



Founding families





Original Rossman Building– Westville, CT



ASAT Apartments– Westville, CT



1972: Chapel Haven Founded



1976: Chapel Haven Moves

To current location in Westville neighborhood of New Haven.

Offers access to many cultural and community resources.



ASAT graduation



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2006: Chapel Haven Develops New Programming

Asperger Syndrome Adult Transition (ASAT) program created to better serve adults with autism spectrum disorders and related social disabilities.



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2017-present: Chapel Haven Continues to Grow

\$45 million campus expansion to meet the needs of grads with higher support needs and to create age in place options for aging grads.

Updated campus – REACH, SAIL, courtyard, welcome center



7 CATCH Admits for 25-26



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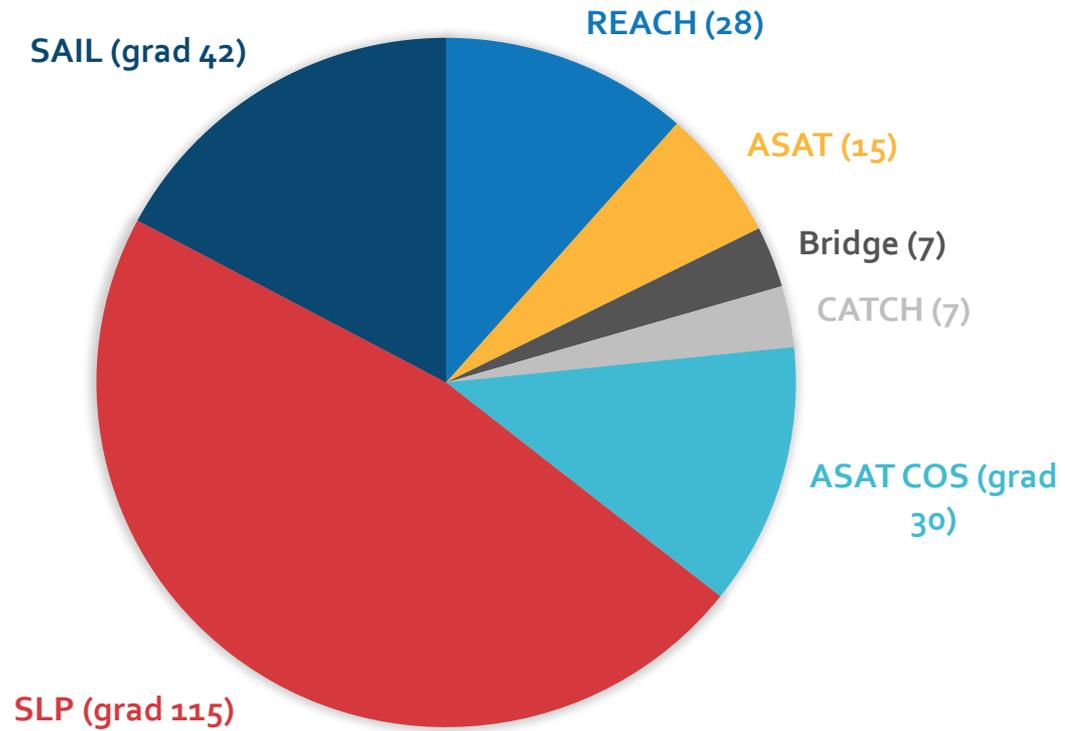


2025 CATCH program introduced to offer transition options for mid & later in life adults, thus expanding who can join our long-term community.

Today Chapel Haven has 250 adults – 50+ years of excellence!



PROGRAM SIZE AT A GLANCE



Transition Program Info

REACH

2 yr Transition
Program

24/7 staff

30 hrs/wk + evening
life skills

Recreation

\$700/mo allowance

\$85,000/yr

ASAT

2 yr Transition
Program

Access to awake
overnight staff

30 hrs/wk + evening
life skills

Recreation

\$700/mo allowance

\$81,000/yr

CATCH

1 yr Transition
Program

Access to awake
overnight staff

20hrs/wk + 1:1 life
skills

Recreation

No allowance

\$70,000/yr

Graduate Program Info

Bridge

1 yr “bridge to grad life”
Access to awake
overnight staff
A la carte classes + 1:1
life skills
Recreation
No allowance
\$60,000/yr

SLP & ASAT COS

Long-term off campus
grad
Average 3-4 hrs/wk 1:1
supports (approx.
\$85/hr)
A la carte classes, rec,
voc

SAIL

Long-term on
campus grad
24/7 staff
Small group life &
1:1 life skills
\$65-\$70,000/yr
A la carte day
programming (\$150-
\$200 per class per
term)



REACH: Residential Education at Chapel Haven

Potential Diagnoses: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities; Autism Spectrum; Down Syndrome; Mild Cerebral Palsy

Ages: 18-30ish

Characteristics: Mastered basic ADLS, capable concrete thinkers and learners; thrive w/ structure and repetition, generally social but needs help with nuance



ASAT: Asperger Syndrome Adult Transition

Potential Diagnoses:
ASD Level 1 w/o
Intellectual or Language
Impairment; SCC Disorder,
Executive Functioning
Disorder

Ages: 18-30ish

Characteristics: Mastered
basic ADLS, learn how-to's
quickly, but need more in-
depth with the *why*; college
academic capable (but not
required)

CATCH: Connecting Adults to Chapel Haven

- **Potential Diagnoses:** same as ASAT and/or REACH profile
- **Ages:** 30-ish +
- **Characteristics:** Mastered basic ADLS, has some prior living and life experience, seeking to generalize skills to a new setting and to join a long-term community



**Asperger
Syndrome
Adult
Transition
(ASAT)**

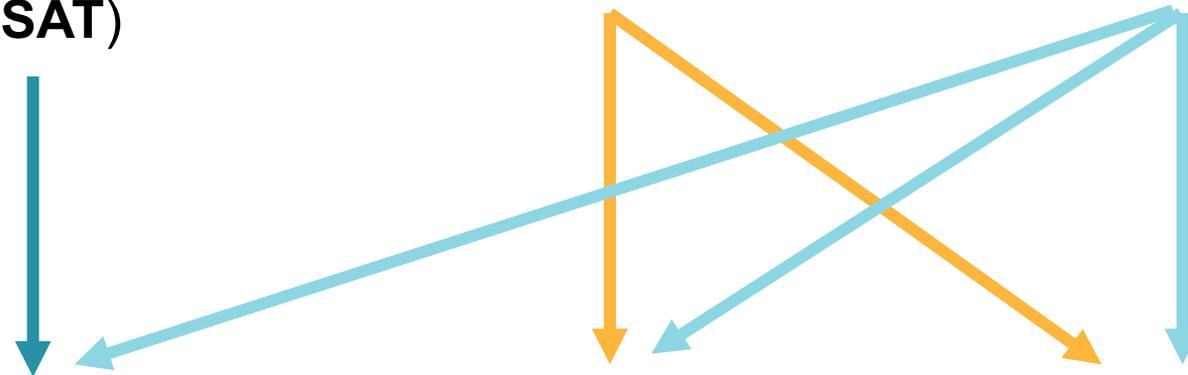
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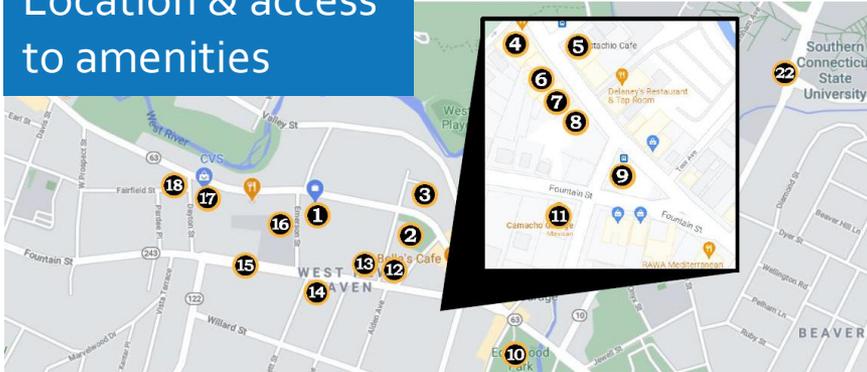


All roads lead to life in our community.

About 80% of grads historically transition into one of the long-term communities.

Lessons Learned

Location & access to amenities



Maximize revenue spaces, plan for maintenance costs



One size doesn't fit all; partnering with experts to develop curriculum



Meaningful and lasting employment takes time

Funding

Approved School & Transition Program in CT & MA = Potential Board of Education Placement

Dept. of Developmental Services Vendor in CT = some funding options for graduate program supports (adult day program, in home supports, some voc budgets)

CHSC Needs Based Scholarship for prospective and current families

Do not receive federal education funds = impacts ability to use 529 Plan Funds

Talk to Special Education Financial Planners re: ABLE accounts

CHSC Annual Budget = approximately \$12 million

Historically fundraising = \$400,000-\$600,000 annually; with new buildings, fundraising is closer to \$1.5 million annually

Continuing our Journey

Chapel Haven Accessibility Management & Planning – ensuring campus accessibility for both physical and cognitive needs

Aging Committee – Life Plan documents, Medical guidelines, SAIL design to enable additional supports provided by the family, SAFE Advocates

Assistive Technology – partnering with local university faculty, teaching classroom, adaptive tools and assessments

Final phase of campus renovation – adding additional supported living housing



Questions?



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