

WHY DO SO MANY FAMILIES CHOOSE CHAPEL HAVEN?

Chapel Haven is about more than tuition-based programs. We offer individualized options that include day programming (FT and PT), continuing education classes, fun social activities on the weekends, and tailored help for every student.

LONGEVITY:

Chapel Haven has 50-plus years of excellence in the field, using a curriculum advised by international experts and with a model of service delivery that is evidence based.

SUCCESSFUL MODEL:

On average, our graduates live successfully in our community with only about 2.5 hours a week of support from our caring staff.

DEDICATED STAFF:

The average tenure of staff at CHSC is six-plus years. At the senior level, all staff have been with the agency 10-plus years.

EMBRACED IN OUR HOST COMMUNITY:

Walking distance to jobs, culture, colleges, faith communities; easy access to public transportation.

EMPLOYED:

CareerAbility, our employment arm, is making great progress: Since 2017, CareerAbility has placed 80% of referred adults seeking employment into competitive employment, compared with a national average of 18%.

COMPLETED:

\$45 million campus transformation – we have thoroughly modernized and expanded our campus and are truly a lifelong option for adults.

“ Chapel Haven Schleifer Center offers one of the best, community focused programs in the country that help students with Autism/Asperger’s transition to adulthood in a supportive setting. It has been my great pleasure to be involved with this program and recommend it heartily. ”



FRED VOLKMAR MD
PROFESSOR - YALE UNIVERSITY & SOUTHERN
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY, HELPED CHSC
CREATE THE ASAT PROGRAM IN 2006

ADMISSIONS

The admissions process is designed to give the applicant and family a comprehensive view of Chapel Haven’s programs.

The admissions process includes:

- A review of recent psychological/neuropsychological testing
 - IEPS and vocational assessments
 - Interview
 - Application
- Campus visit for sample experience

OUR CLIENTS ARE:

- 18+ years, with developmental and social disabilities/autism spectrum disorders
- High school graduates or those still enrolled in transition programming via an IEP
- Emotionally and behaviorally stable
- Motivated to eventually transition into independent, productive lives, make friends, acquire social competency and adaptive skills and work toward individual goals

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Founded in 1972 on Chapel Street in Westville, CT, Chapel Haven is a pioneer in helping adults with cognitive and social disabilities live independent and self-determined lives.

ACCREDITATIONS

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED THROUGH CARF
(Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities)

APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION
(CT, MA) AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

APPROVED VENDOR THROUGH THE CT STATE DEPARTMENT
OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

PRESTIGIOUS PARTNERSHIPS

Yale



At A Glance

50+ YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Take your next step toward a thriving adult life!
At Chapel Haven Schleifer Center,
we make these transformations
happen every day.

Scholarship assistance available.

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center is an award-winning school and lifelong community, where adults with social and developmental disabilities learn to live independent and self-determined lives. We recently completed a \$45 million campus makeover, resulting in state-of-the-art facilities. Our programs include:

- ✓ **RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AT CHAPEL HAVEN SCHLEIFER CENTER (REACH) NEW HAVEN, CT**
- ✓ **ASPERGER SYNDROME ADULT TRANSITION (ASAT) NEW HAVEN, CT**
- ✓ **A LA CARTE SUPPORTS**

Discover which program works for you

**REACH PROGRAM:
RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AT CHAPEL HAVEN**
New Haven, Connecticut

The REACH program is designed for young adults 18 years of age and older, with:

- Mild Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Down Syndrome

What can you hope to gain by becoming part of the REACH program?

- Be able to live independently with appropriate supports and adaptive technologies
- Effectively access basic community resources
- Have a thriving adult social network
- Gain and keep meaningful employment
- Manage a budget
- Pursue a healthy lifestyle that includes fitness, a sensible diet and an awareness of medical needs
- Learn how to be safe in a community

“Chapel Haven made the impossible, possible. Coming to Chapel Haven has helped me realize that I’m more independent than I thought I was. I live in a condo with a roommate. I have 2 part time jobs. I know how to fill my days productively and take care of myself. I would not be who I am today without Chapel Haven.”
**DEBBIE M., REACH GRADUATE,
CHSC COMMUNITY MEMBER**



**ASAT PROGRAM:
ASPERGER SYNDROME ADULT TRANSITION**
New Haven, Connecticut

The ASAT program is designed for young adults 18 years of age and older, with:

- Asperger Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Level 1
- Social Communication Disorders
- Executive Functioning and Nonverbal Learning Challenges

What can you gain by joining the ASAT Program?

- Be successful in living independently
- Navigate college, continue or finish a degree
- Secure and maintain meaningful employment
- Have increased self-awareness and self-esteem
- Gain social confidence, competence and a community of friends



“I’ve learned a lot in the Asperger Syndrome Adult Transition (ASAT) program. I’ve become very good at grocery shopping by myself, cooking and doing laundry.” **ISAAC O., ASAT STUDENT**

Founded in 2006, the ASAT program is highly specialized and tailored to each individual. Social communication is infused into everything we teach.

**A LA CARTE OFFERINGS AT CHSC:
INQUIRE AT ADMISSION@CHAPELHAVEN.ORG**

CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The REACH and ASAT programs offer adult education classes designed to support lifelong learning and social engagement to CHSC graduates and to adults living in the Greater New Haven area who are seeking meaningful ways to engage with peers.

OUR RECREATION PROGRAM

This program offers a robust menu of in-person activities that are open to those outside the Chapel Haven community. Our location in the vibrant cosmopolitan city of New Haven offers tremendous recreation opportunities, both locally and throughout New England. We offer trips to sporting events, museums, amusement parks, and cultural events in our local area, along with fun day trips to attractions in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Rhode Island.

SCHLEIFER ADULT INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL)

The SAIL campus is the newest part of Chapel Haven’s campus expansion and fulfills our mission of providing lifelong supports for our adults. Our SAIL facility is intergenerational, so adults of all ages can flourish into their senior years in a vibrant and non-institutional setting. This tuition-based program includes housing and 24/7 staffing with a range of supports.

SUPPORTED LIVING PROGRAM (SLP & ASAT COS PROGRAM)

Our Supported Living Program (SLP and Community Outreach in ASAT) assists individuals graduating from our residential programs as they establish residency in the greater New Haven community.

COMMUNITY LIFE PROGRAM

Our Community Life Program is designed to offer a structured, community-focused day for individuals who are either not working or working a limited number of hours. Chapel Haven’s CLP provides participants with opportunities to explore, interact and volunteer in the Greater New Haven community. DDS DSO funding can be utilized in this program.

CAREERABILITY

Careerability was founded to meet a vital element of Chapel Haven’s mission: meaningful employment for Chapel Haven’s students, as well as to individuals in its community. CareerAbility’s model incorporates a unique combination of vocational tools and best practices:

Career Exploration, Work-Based Learning, Job Skill Development, and Employment Services.



- ✓ **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**
- CARING COLLABORATION**
- INDIVIDUAL INTEGRITY**
- DYNAMIC DIVERSITY**