Frequently Asked Questions

I know someone with special needs/hidden disabilities who is between 18 and 21 years of age. How do I know whether to place him or her in the 12 Plus Program or in the **Calais Adult Transition Program?**

If the person has already graduated from high school, he or she is referred to CATP. Otherwise, we suggest a consultation with the admissions team to determine the best course of action.

What is the cost of the program?

The total cost of the program is \$16,000 per year. Half of that cost is subsidized by outside grants, and students are responsible for the remaining \$8,000.

Is there any financial support such as student aid or scholarships?

Students who secure loans for college can allocate a portion of their loans to pay for accommodations for students with disabilities and thus cover the cost of the program.

Who is eligible to enroll in CATP?

The program is open to all college students with a documented disability who are attending an approved school, including those who are not prior or existing Calais students. Former 12 Plus students and current 12 Plus students who are aging out are also eligible. All applicants will undergo a screening process to determine whether the program can meet their needs. Please note that high school students are not eligible.

Is enrollment in DVRS, DDD, and/or Medicaid required for eligibility?

No, enrollment in these programs is not required. The only requirement for eligibility is that participants have a documented disability and attend an approved school. To learn more about approved schools, please contact our admissions office.

Will prospective participants be required to attend job interviews and/or secure a job in order to be eligible for the work portion of the program?

No, these are not required for eligibility; however, participants will be encouraged to move in this direction over time. The long-term goal of CATP is for participants to achieve success in both learning and work.

Will my young adult be able to have a job coach on site if needed?

Availability of on-site job coaching is contingent upon employer approval. Job coaching will also be provided in a consultative capacity. For those who are not quite ready to pursue employment, internships and volunteer opportunities are available.

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My young adult already has a job that suits him or her well. Will he or she be able to keep this position and still receive support from Calais?

Yes, your young adult can remain in his or her current position. We do not make work arrangements for participants; rather, we coach them through the process of securing and maintaining employment.

How are participants transported to the program and to work and school?

 Participants are responsible for their own transportation.

Does CATP provide support with the college application process?

Yes, coaching and guidance with the college application process is available as needed.

My young adult wants to attend/has begun attending a trade school, certification program, local university, or community college outside of Morris County. Can Calais still provide assistance with higher education?

Yes, we can also work with students attending other approved schools. For more information on approved schools, please contact our admissions office.

Where and when do CATP services take place?

 Services take place on a flexible schedule based on participants' availability. Location depends on the type of service being offered and can include on a college campus, at Calais, at community establishments such as coffee shops, and online. Please note that our administrative hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

How much support will clients receive?

 Services are broken up into three tiers based on the level of service provided. Each client's support plan will be tailored to his or her needs; the type of service will vary depending on which services are most needed.

Do participants receive any classroom instruction or related services at Calais?

 Courses and seminars on topics such as executive functioning and mental health will take place either at Calais or virtually. Related services will be provided via telehealth.

What social and leisure opportunities are available to CATP participants?

Social skills groups will be organized based on the profiles of our clients and will meet in community social and leisure establishments such as restaurants and coffee shops. Clients will also learn how to select and participate in college clubs and activities.

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