

For Schools

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the D.A.C.?
Developmental Achievement Centers are day training and habilitation service centers that provide vocational training and community job placements, as well as recreational and social opportunities, to adults with developmental disabilities. Our services are funded through the Minnesota Department of Health, individual counties and school districts.
- Who does the D.A.C. serve?
The D.A.C. serves adults with developmental disabilities that are referred to a day training and day habilitation level of care by their respective school case manager.
- When is the D.A.C. open?
The Northern Cass D.A.C. is open Monday –Friday, 0800 – 1600. The D.A.C. – Bemidji is open Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1630. Our full day clients' work schedule begins at 0930 and ends at 1430. Each client is given three breaks, including lunch, during the course of the workday. Partial day programming, less than 4 hours at the D.A.C. per day, is also available.
- Where is the D.A.C. located?
Northern Cass D.A.C.
8059 County 12 NW
P.O. Box 1329
Walker, MN 56484
218.547.1121
218.547.2994 (f)

D.A.C. - Bemidji
735 Mahnomen Drive SE
P.O. Box 842
Bemidji, MN 56601
218.759.0052
218.444.6446 (f)
- How does the D.A.C. operate?
We receive referrals for service from school case managers seeking day programming options for their students. The student's case manager will contact us to review the prospective client's programming needs and goals to ensure a goodness of fit within our organization. If all parties (the student, the school case manager, the family/guardian and the D.A.C. team) are in agreement, then an Intake Meeting is arranged to orient all to the D.A.C. program, establish client goals, develop the client's schedule, and secure the necessary paperwork. Upon admission to our program, the client is expected to work toward achieving their predetermined goals; the client's status is monitored regularly in order to evaluate that individual's progress and current program needs. Interdisciplinary evaluations are conducted quarterly to ensure the highest quality continuity of care among all parties involved.

In the event of actualization of D.A.C. goals, relocation or other life events, we strive to facilitate warm transfers of care to other service providers.
- Why the D.A.C.?
We help to enrich lives by providing a safe, nurturing, client specific transition from the shelter of the school system into a more independent adulthood.