GradPlus is a mentorship program designed to help at-risk students in Passaic County complete high school and successfully transition to post-secondary levels of education or career opportunities.

Low high-school graduation rates and rising educational and economic challenges have left a significant number of students questioning what to do after high school—if they are able to finish at all.

GradPlus works with educators to identify and qualify students who will benefit from additional guidance, encouragement, academic resources and exposure to community, career, and professional opportunities.

GradPlus provides qualified students with:

- Academic support and tutoring
- Socio-emotional support
- Workforce readiness
- Career and college guidance
- Access to valuable certification programs and/or funding for higher education

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Opening the door to opportunity.

A mentorship program created by Embrace Relief
GradPlus focuses on these key areas to help students prepare for the future.

Tutoring and Academic Support
Certified teachers in Language Arts and Math provide tutoring, instructional feedback and academic strategies to students twice per week at the Passaic County One Stop Career Center.

Mentoring and Guidance
Students meet regularly with mentors to define and set personal, educational, and professional goals, develop critical organization and communication skills and increase their awareness of career, community, and professional opportunities.

Mentors also help review graduation requirements and provide assistance with federal student aid applications, scholarships, and grants.

Since college isn’t for everyone, mentors also evaluate students’ strengths, skills and job readiness factors, offer direction on internship and apprenticeship opportunities, and provide assistance with job application procedures.

Counseling
Individual student needs are closely evaluated upon acceptance into the program. Group counseling provides students with a forum to connect and share their experiences. Leadership development activities help students explore, reflect, and challenge themselves.

Program Goals
- Improve student attendance
- Increase high school graduation rates
- Improve self-esteem and confidence
- Provide individualized support to students as they plan for graduation, college, or transition to the workforce
- Increase student awareness and access to financial support for post-secondary training or education

This percentage is marginally better than the national dropout rate of 13%. With your help, we can help bring critical change to these at-risk students.

To learn more about GradPlus please call 201-528-3181 or email us at info@EmbraceRelief.org.

10% of students in New Jersey drop out before finishing high school.