

One Year Cost Comparison

(Breakdown Attached)

Branching Out, LLC= \$18,000

The cost for one year for a client to live in the Boston area and receive services from Branching Out, LLC is approx. \$18,000.

Other Similar Programs= \$28,000

The cost for one year for a client to live in the Boston area and receive services from a similar program is approx. \$28,000.

(They charge significantly more per hour and have many additional fees.)

Group Home Option= \$35,000 - \$45,000

The cost for one year for a client to live in a group home in the Boston area.

(Many clients do not require this level of care.)

Branching Out versus Other Program Options: A One Year Cost Comparison

Branching Out

Costs: approx. \$18,000 annually

Monthly expenses if client lives with one roommate:

-Branching Out Services=\$280 a month

(2hrs a week x \$70 an hour = \$140 a week divided by 2 roommates=\$70 a week.)

-Rent=\$850 approx.

-Utilities=\$100 approx.- \$75 assistance=\$25

-Groceries=\$140 - \$70 assistance= \$70

-Transportation=\$20

-Entertainment/spending money=\$240

Approx. \$1500 a month

Yearly Cost=\$17,820

Important Factors:

- Cost effective, wrap-around, individualized services
- Client is able to live in least restrictive, community based apartments
- Utilizing services that already exist versus paying for services
- Freedom to choose your own roommate and neighborhood
- A good, solid long-term plan
- Branching Out does not have high overhead costs, therefore we are able to provide quality service at lower rates
- No additional hidden fees
- Advisors are long-term and provide important consistency.

Note: This yearly total is considerably reduced if housing assistance is obtained. Also, Branching Out does not charge for travel time, phone calls, research time, or for on-call services

Group Home Option

Costs:

\$35,000-\$45,000 annually approx.

Important Factors:

- Some clients do require this level of care; however, many do not. Therefore it is holding back some clients from achieving maximum independence.
 - Roommate restrictions
 - City/neighborhood restrictions
 - Very expensive and difficult to financially sustain long-term
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Other Programs Providing Independent Living Advisors

Costs: \$28,000 annually approx

Monthly expenses if client lives with one roommate:

-Advisor=\$800 (2 hrs a week x \$100 hr.= \$200 wk)

-Additional fees, travel, calls etc=\$100 wk.

-Rent=\$850 approx.

-Utilities=\$100 approx.

-Groceries=\$150

-Transportation=\$20

-Entertainment/spending=\$240

Approx. \$2260 a month

Yearly Cost=\$27,120

Important Factors:

- Higher rates at \$100 an hour
- Additional charges for phone calls to family and other collaterals
- Additional charges for travel costs to and from meeting place
- Additional charges for on-call services
- Many programs do not research and obtain discounted services