



THE STATE OF THE STATE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Some Basic Facts

Vermont is justly proud of its community based system of developmental services. Vermont is highly rated in:

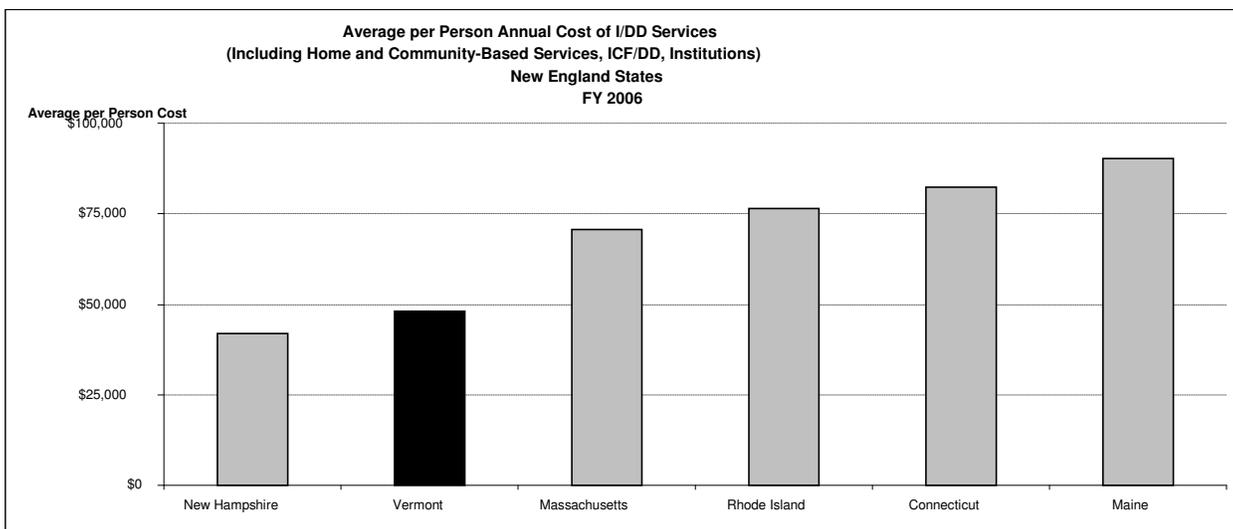
- *Providing housing supports in settings of 3 or less.*
- *Providing employments supports (36% for FY2009).*
- *Keeping people in the community and out of nursing homes and psychiatric institutions.*
- *Providing support to families.*
- *Providing individualized services that support self-determination.*

Who do we serve?

- *Vermont now serves 2,372 people through home & community based “waiver” services, 726 living with their families (FY2009).*
- *Funding priorities are limited to emergencies like health and safety homelessness or death of caregiver, except for very limited funding for high school graduates with paid jobs.*
- *Vermont’s waiting list is now over 200, due in part to narrowing priorities for funding.*
- *Single people in developmental homes live on \$115 per month after room & board is paid.*

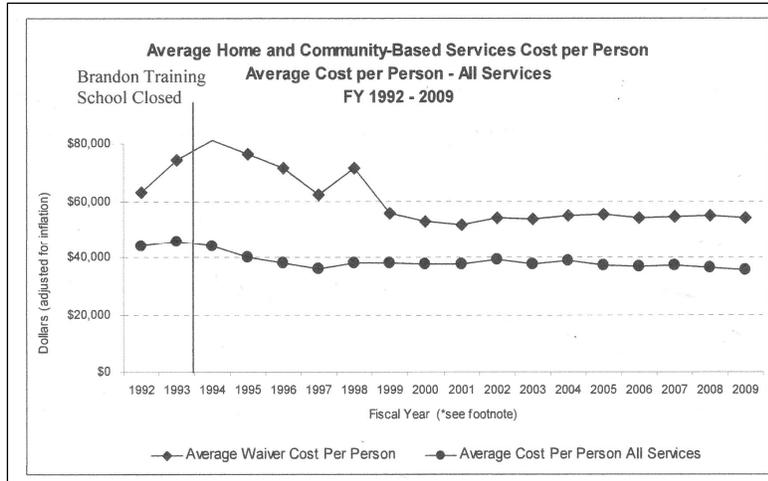
How cost-effective are our supports to our neighbors?

- *In 2009 dollars it would have cost \$289,176 per person per year at Brandon Training School.*
 - *In 2009, it cost \$54,151 per person to provide home and community-based services in Vermont.*
 - *Vermont ranks 29th in spending per person in the US for developmental services.**
 - *Vermont spent less in 2006* than all other New England states except New Hampshire.*
- In 2009 NH increased its developmental services budget 11%; it has also passed legislation establishing a Developmental Services Quality Council to address quality concerns.*



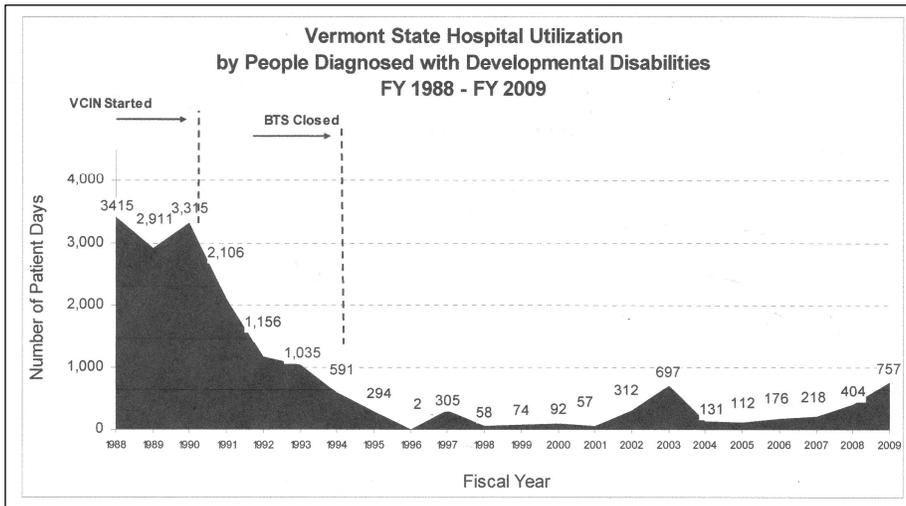
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Since closing Brandon Training School the average cost per person of services has gone down.



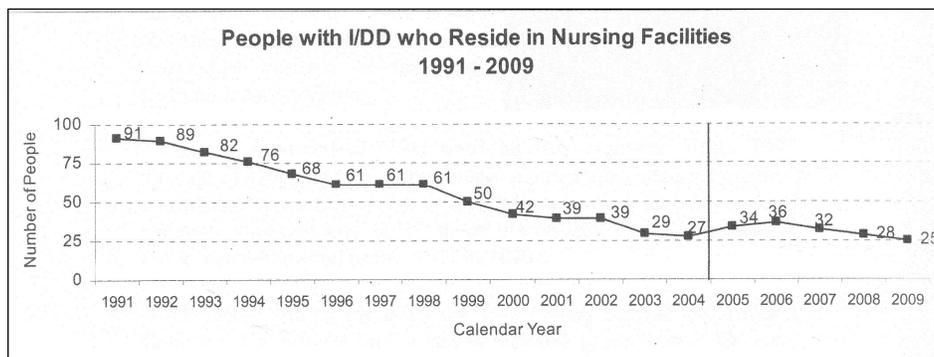
VT Disability Services Annual Report 2010, page 13. 1998 reflects costs for 15 month period.

So have emergency stays in the Vermont State Hospital.



VT Disability Services Annual Report 2010, page 39. FY03, 08 & 09 spikes due to one person's year long stays.

And the financial and human cost of lives spent in nursing homes.



VT Disability Services Annual Report 2010, page 42

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