

Outcomes

The people served through the AT component of the No Place Like Home project had a number of services in place, but were still struggling to remain at home. The provision of AT devices and services had not been considered as part of their service plan prior to this project, and yet it was one of the decisive factors in making remaining home possible for them. The average cost of a participant to receive the assistive technology devices and services necessary to help them remain living at home was \$1,233. The average yearly cost for an individual to reside in a nursing home in North Dakota is \$43,815 and \$19,726 for assisted living care.

One year later, 17 of the 20 people are still in their own homes. They have delayed, and will possibly avoid, entering an institutional setting. They continue to live with their families, are more independent and safer as a result of the AT devices and services received through this project.

One individual moved away from North Dakota. She received services but no equipment, and her whereabouts are unknown.

Two of the individuals who participated in this project passed away approximately one year after receiving their AT devices and services. After their passing, IPAT received calls from family members stating what a huge difference the assistive technology made, especially in helping their family member to stay home the last months of their life. Recognizing the importance of AT, one family has donated the devices back to IPAT so someone else can benefit from their use.