

The Cost of Segregation vs. The Cost of Inclusion



Segregated

\$25K-55K per student per year for separate special education classrooms and/or private schooling

Lifelong segregation and ongoing dependence in Sheltered Work environment. Average annual cost for one individual: \$19,388

EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT

Included

\$12-15K. With higher academic outcomes for disabled students AND non-disabled peers and an expectation of graduation

Integrated, Specialized Employment playing to individual's strength, building experience and skills to increase independence. Average cost: \$6,619



COMMUNITY LIVING/TRANSITION

Inflated federal funds dedicated to crowded facilities and teaching & learning that does little to prepare adults for independence

Many transition activities considered "no-cost"; costs of living with biological or foster family far less than institution

OUTCOMES

Federal funds supporting lifelong segregation and dependence, lowered expectations and dangerous environments

The ability to see return from investment – responsible, independent adults contributing as members of the community



Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion for People with Disabilities