



## New York Service Models

**Innovative Resources for Independence (IRI)** is one of 18 providers in New York already utilizing SimplyHome technology to support independence. IRI opened its first supportive apartment in Brooklyn in 2012. Today, close to **20% of their group home residents are living in apartments**. Capable residents are enjoying less restrictive living in a safe environment. With the use of the latest technology, the staff is immediately alerted to any unusual activity, such as if a front door is left open in the middle of the night or a stove is left on unattended. The relationships they have in the community and the quality of life is much improved when given the choice of where and how to live.

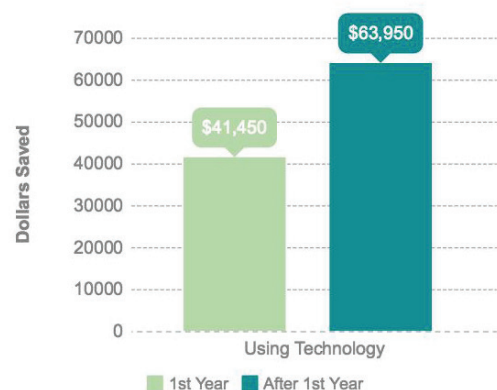
# 74%

Data collected from other states show an 11%-74% reduction in cost per person, per year who use technology to live more independently.

**Wildwood Programs** offers comprehensive services for people with disabilities. Over the past four years, Wildwood transitioned 16 people to more independent living settings. On average each year, they have seen \$39,000 savings per person. Annually, that is **\$624,000 in savings for 16 individuals**. By adding assistive technology where applicable, they have already begun expanding the savings and independence.

**United Cerebral Palsy of New York City, Inc. (UCP of NYC)** is the leading nonprofit agency in New York City providing direct services, technology and advocacy to children and adults with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. UCP of NYC offers a breadth of more than 75 comprehensive programs including medical, clinical, educational, technological, residential, and rehabilitative services to over 14,000 New York City residents and families annually. Prior to using SimplyHome technology, staff at one location were needed 24/7. Today, staff is needed 21 hours per week, **saving them at least \$3,000 per month**.

**Ability Beyond** promotes independence for residents by utilizing staff to provide the daily support and technology to ensure safety and security in their own apartments. Individuals use their iPads for assistance in daily routines such as cooking, medication management and managing appointments. Ability Beyond's programs have seen significant savings since using technology. The Clapboard program serves 8 individuals - For every \$1 spent in the first year of using technology, they are saving \$3.99. After the first year they are saving \$11.23. The overall savings after the **first year is approximately \$8,752**. The Liberty program, serving 4 individuals, is saving \$9.05 for every \$1 spent in the first year of using technology. After the first year, they are saving \$82.05 for every \$1 spent. This chart demonstrates their overall savings.



# Assistive Technology

The Assistive Technology Act of 1998 defines assistive technology devices as any item, equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

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## NY Supportive Apartment Profiles

**Jane** is 57 years old and lives in a supportive apartment in Woodhaven since February 2013. Each day she demonstrates that she needs minimal supervision. When she is not working, Jane enjoys cooking, spending time at church or going to the casino for a little escape.

**Thomas** longed for and even demanded an apartment of his own. With some very simple supports for front door activity, cooking safety and medication supports, he has made a remarkable transition to his apartment that he shares with a roommate.

**George** has a history of unstable blood pressure. To help him monitor his health, a telehealth blood pressure cuff (which he operates himself), communicates readings to the nurse immediately if the readings are out of the specified range. The nurse can then analyze trends.



*I get along with her. I like living in the apartment because I am independent. I go shopping for myself. I can do a lot for myself.*

