Aging Successfully in PLACE

EDUCATION, RESOURCES, AND TOOLS FOR FAMILIES AND THE AGING POPULATION





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- ☐ Education on Home Care Services
- ☐ Combating Isolation with Nutrition & Companionship
- ☐ Understanding Cost Comparison
- ☐ Questions to Answer to Age Well



86% of seniors want to live at home for as long as possible



Care Services for Aging Adults

- Personal Care Services
- □ Companionship
- Meal Preparation and Home Helper
- ☐ Transportation
- Support for Chronic Conditions



Reasons to Age in Place with Senior Care



Differences of Caregiver



Private Caregiver



Agency



Home Health

- Provided by licensed medical professionals
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists, Registered Nurses
- Focused on needs of a senior
- Requires a doctor's order
- Typically short in duration and covered by Medicare

Hospice

- Provided by licensed medical professionals
- Doctors, pharmacists, nurses, social workers, hospice chaplains, and other health professionals
- Focused on improving the quality of life in the last stages.
- Requires a doctor's order
- Covered by Medicare

Home Care

- Provided by professional Care Professionals
- Personal care, homemaker, transportation, and companionship
- Focused on non-medical needs of a senior
- Does NOT require a doctor's order
- Can continue as long as needed

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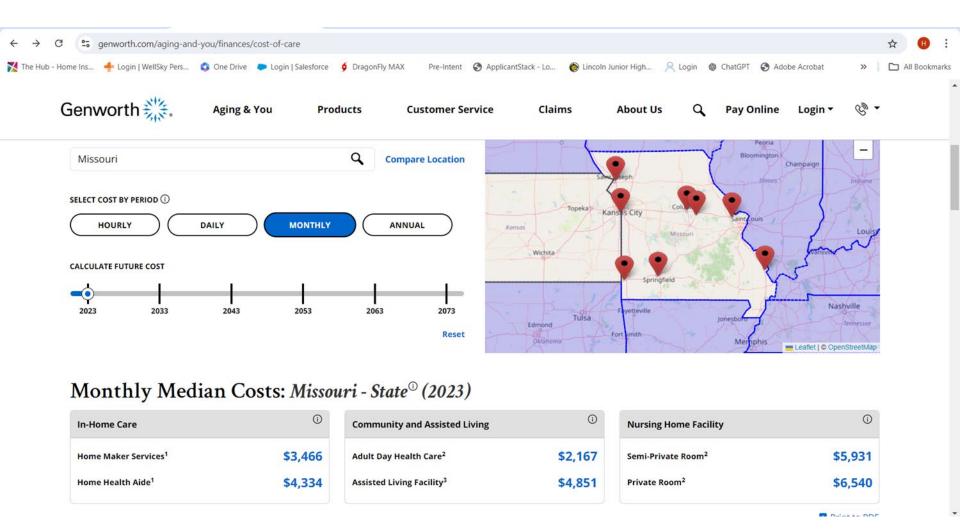


GENWORTH COST OF CARE STUDY

Genworth Cost of Care Survey

7 out of 10 people will require long term care in their lifetime.







Paying for Non-Medical Home Care

Private Pay

• Long-Term Care Insurance

Veteran's Benefits

Home and Community Based Services



Combating the Social Isolation & Loneliness Epidemic



The highest rates of social isolation are found among **older adults.**



Social isolation can increase the risk for premature death as much as smoking

15 CIGARETTES A DAY



Poor or insufficient social connection is associated with:

29% increased risk of heart disease

32% increased risk of stroke

increased risk for ANXIETY, DEPRESSION
AND DEMENTIA

increased susceptibility to VIRUSES

AND RESPIRATORY ILLNESS



Social Isolation is responsible for

\$6.7 BILLION

excess Medicare costs each year

Nutrition and Loneliness Overlap



U.S. seniors who eat most of their meals without a companion are

42 PERCENT more likely to have feelings of loneliness.

On average, these seniors receive

157 FEWER SERVINGS of
fruit and vegetables per year than

those who are not lonely.

Nutrition
& Loneliness
Overlap

75 PERCENT of these lonely seniors (69 percent in Canada) are not receiving the right amount of at least one essential element of nutrition.

Lonely seniors are **TWICE** as likely to have a physical disability that jeopardizes their ability to receive proper nutrition.

Source: Home Instead fielded survey (2023)



Companionship is the **Best** Diet

Research conducted by Home Instead, Inc. suggests that enjoying meals with loved ones can improve overall nutrition and feelings of isolation and depression.



Craving Companionship

72% of lonely seniors wish they ate more meals with loved ones.



Eating Alone is a Growing Trend

50% of seniors believe their parents ate more sit-down meals with loved ones at their current age and **76%** of lonely seniors feel they have fewer sit-down meals with family than they used to.



What is the Companionship Diet?



Why is Companionship so important for a senior's nutrition?





Challenges of Senior Nutrition

- Disabilities
- ☐Grocery shopping
- ■No emotional connection
- □ Cooking alone
- ☐ Lack of Appetite



Tips for Family Caregivers

The best ingredient is you







Don't sweat the details

Simply sitting down for tea or coffee with a senior is beneficial and helps to curb depression and loneliness.

Help create a meal plan

Planning ahead is a huge help for seniors looking to keep a balanced diet.

Order or cook ahead

online delivery make easy options for seniors who can't cook or don't want a mess in their kitchen.







Tips Continued....



Encourage healthy snacks

Many seniors snack throughout the day and forgo a three-meal diet. Veggies and ranch, wheat crackers, tortilla roll ups and fresh fruit are all great options to have on hand.



Improvise

Sometimes canned and frozen fruits and vegetables are the best healthy options available. Additionally, alternatives to "comfort" foods such as apple pie can be made by cutting out the high volume of butter and sugar.



Don't get too strict

Going overboard by removing all carbs and sugars from a meal may be counterintuitive. Make sure to gauge a senior's diet by their health.

6 ways to Make Older Adults Part of Your Family Meals

- 1. Involve them in the food prep process
- 2. Create a positive atmosphere
- 3. Keep the meal simple
- 4. Find Ways to Connect
- 5. Create time for stories
- 6. Make dinner a regular occurrence



Family conversations about aging are triggered by a health crisis.



Elderoscopy: 6 Questions You Need to Answer to Age Well

Where do I want to live out my senior years?

What lifestyle do I desire as I grow older?

How do I plan to stay healthy as I age?

If I find myself single, what will I do?

How do I see myself getting around if I can no longer drive?

How do I want my final years to look for me and my family?



Resources & Websites

Home Instead:

https://www.homeinstead.com/

Genworth:

https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care

Companionship Diet:

www.HomeInstead.com/CompanionshipDiet

Elderoscopy:

www.HomeInstead.com/Elderoscopy



Thank you!

Questions?

