

# The Monetary Benefits and Costs of Supported Employment.

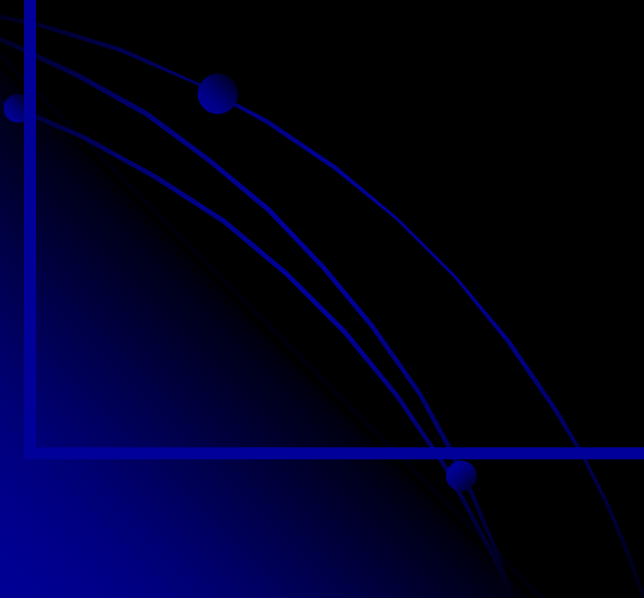
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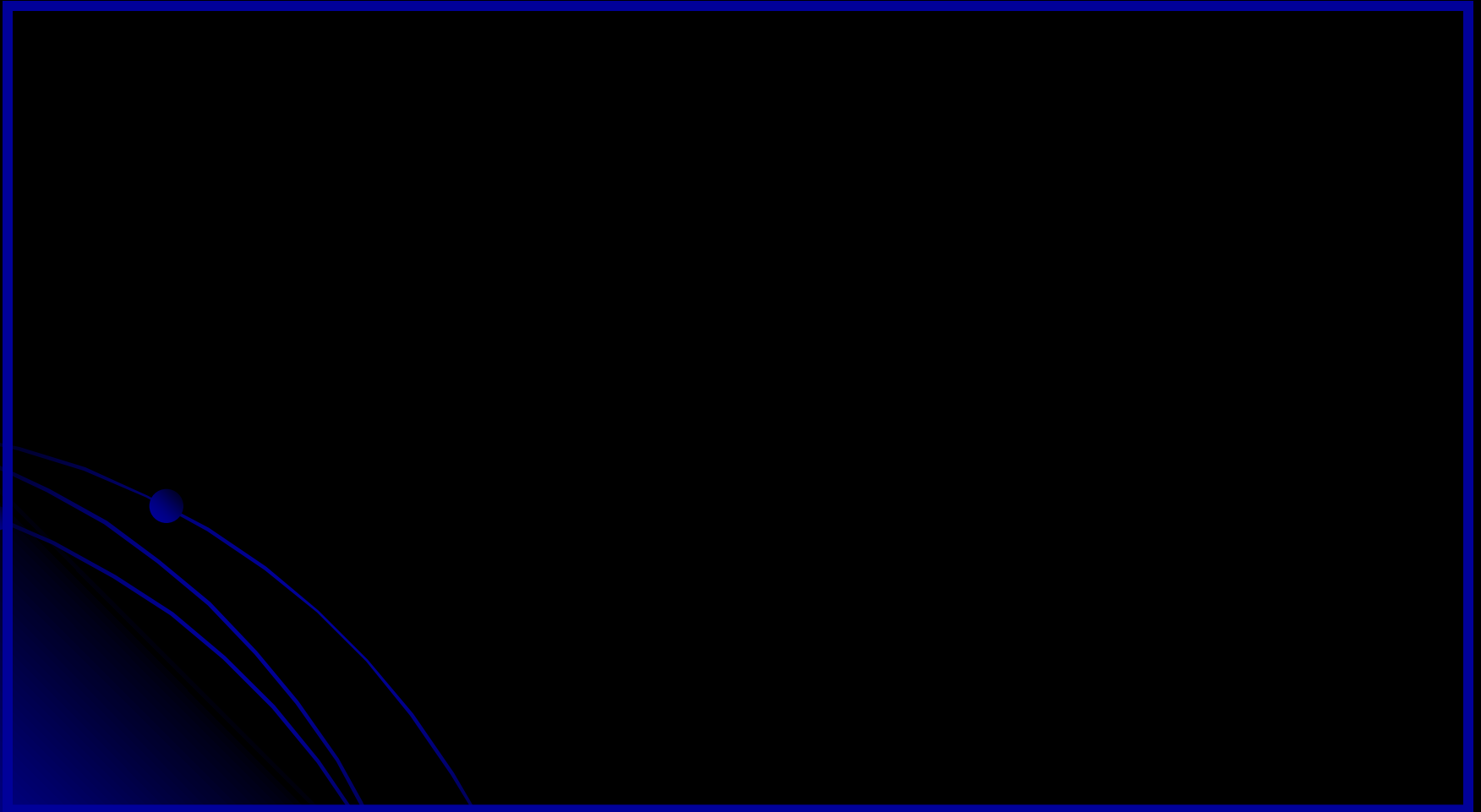
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- Wages Earned in the Community

- **Costs:**

- Forgone Wages from a Workshop
- Taxes Paid
- Lost Governmental Subsidies

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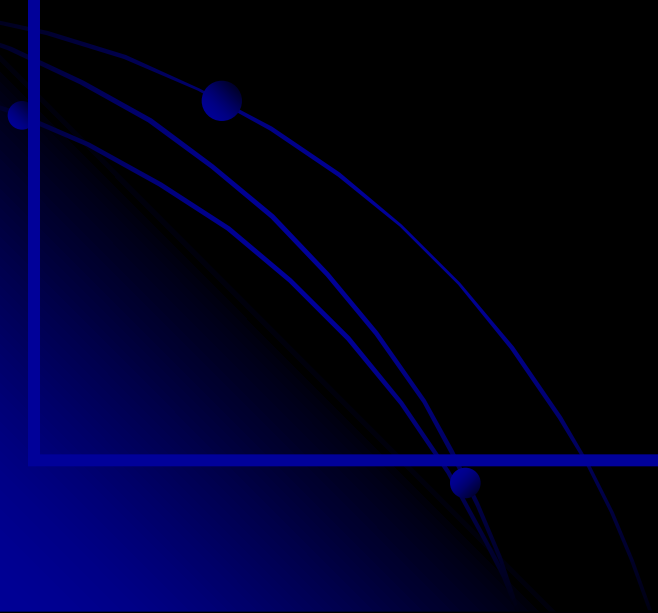
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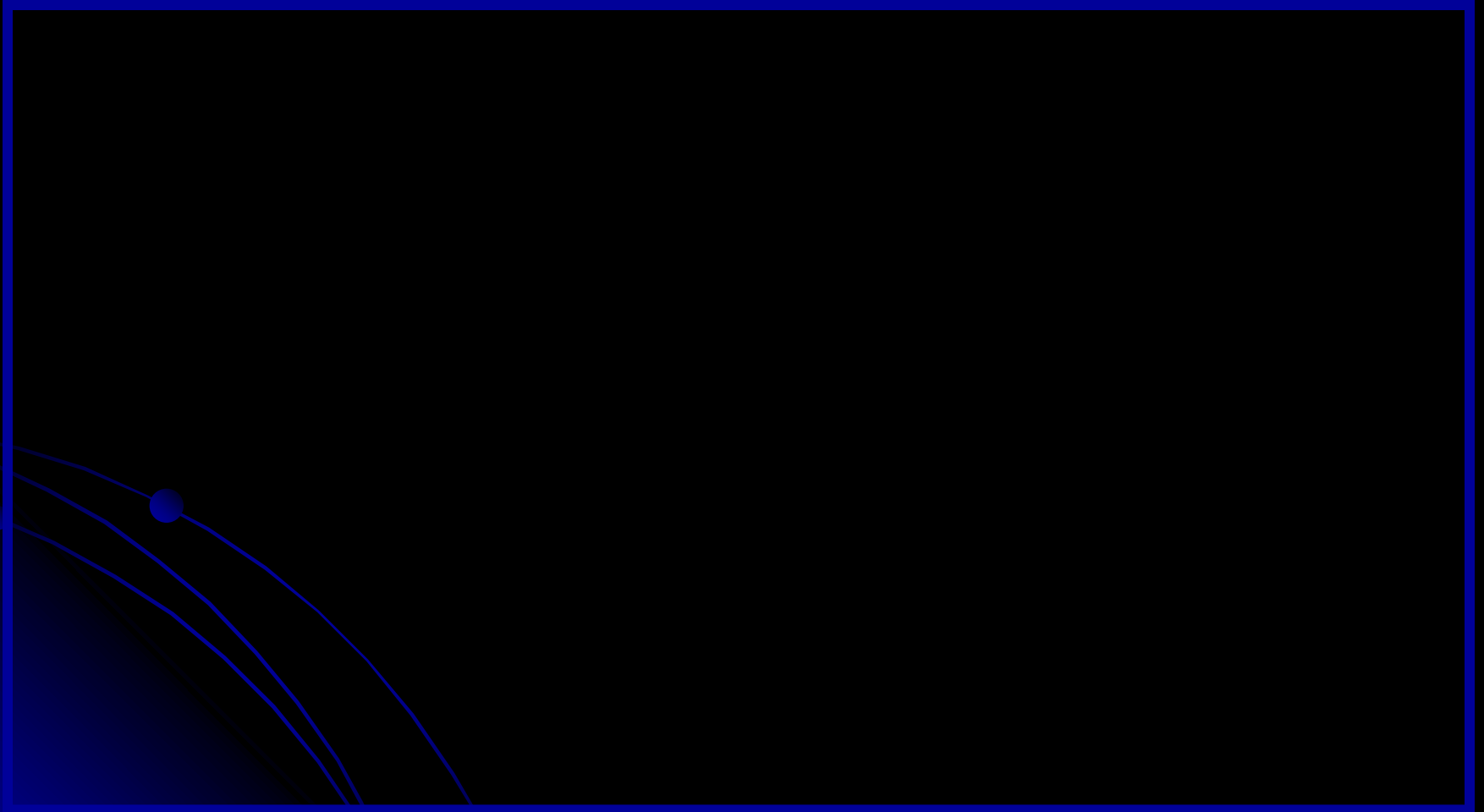
- Supported Employment was cost-efficient from the worker’s perspective
  - All disabilities,
  - Secondary conditions, and
  - All States in the USA.

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- Yes....



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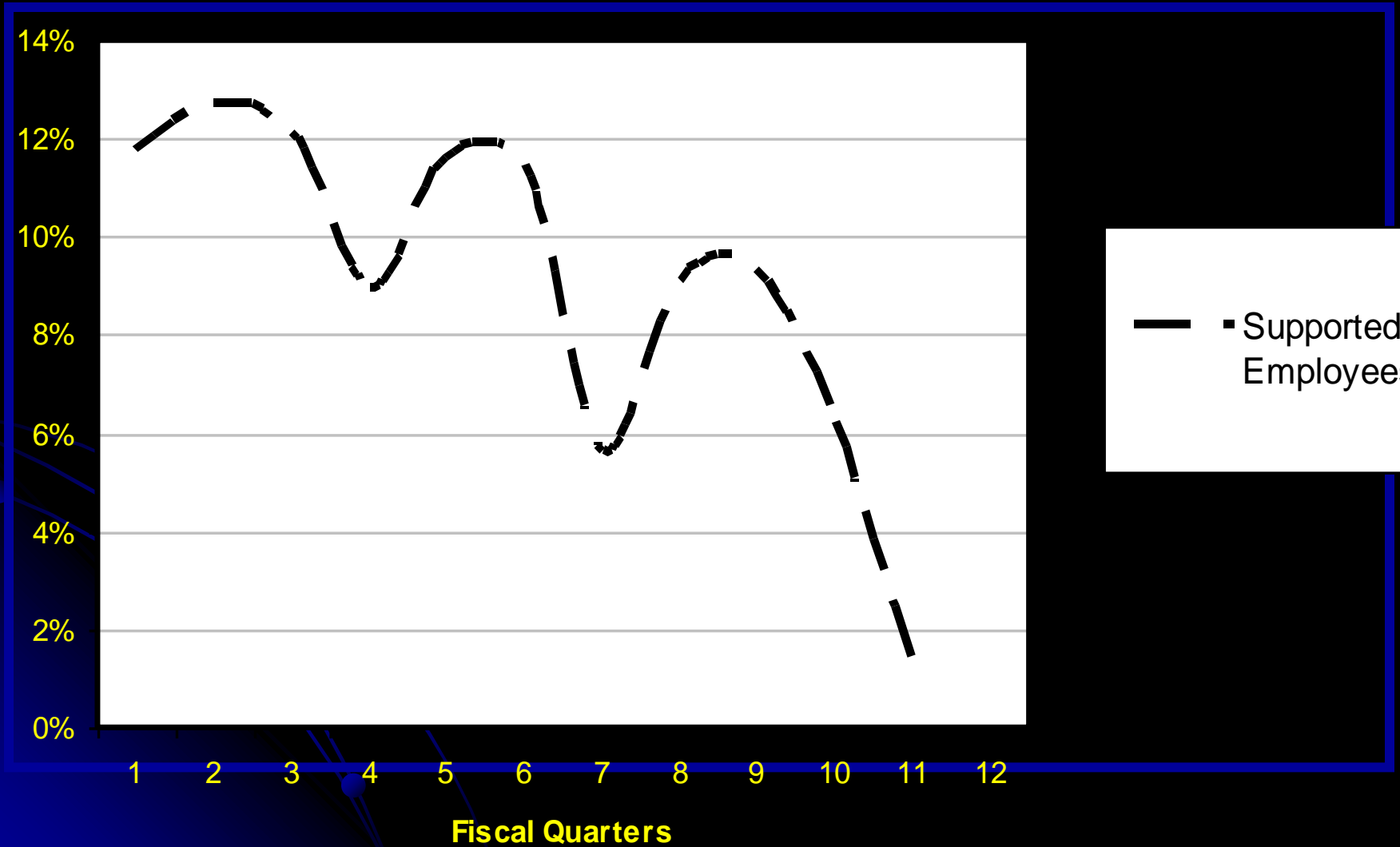
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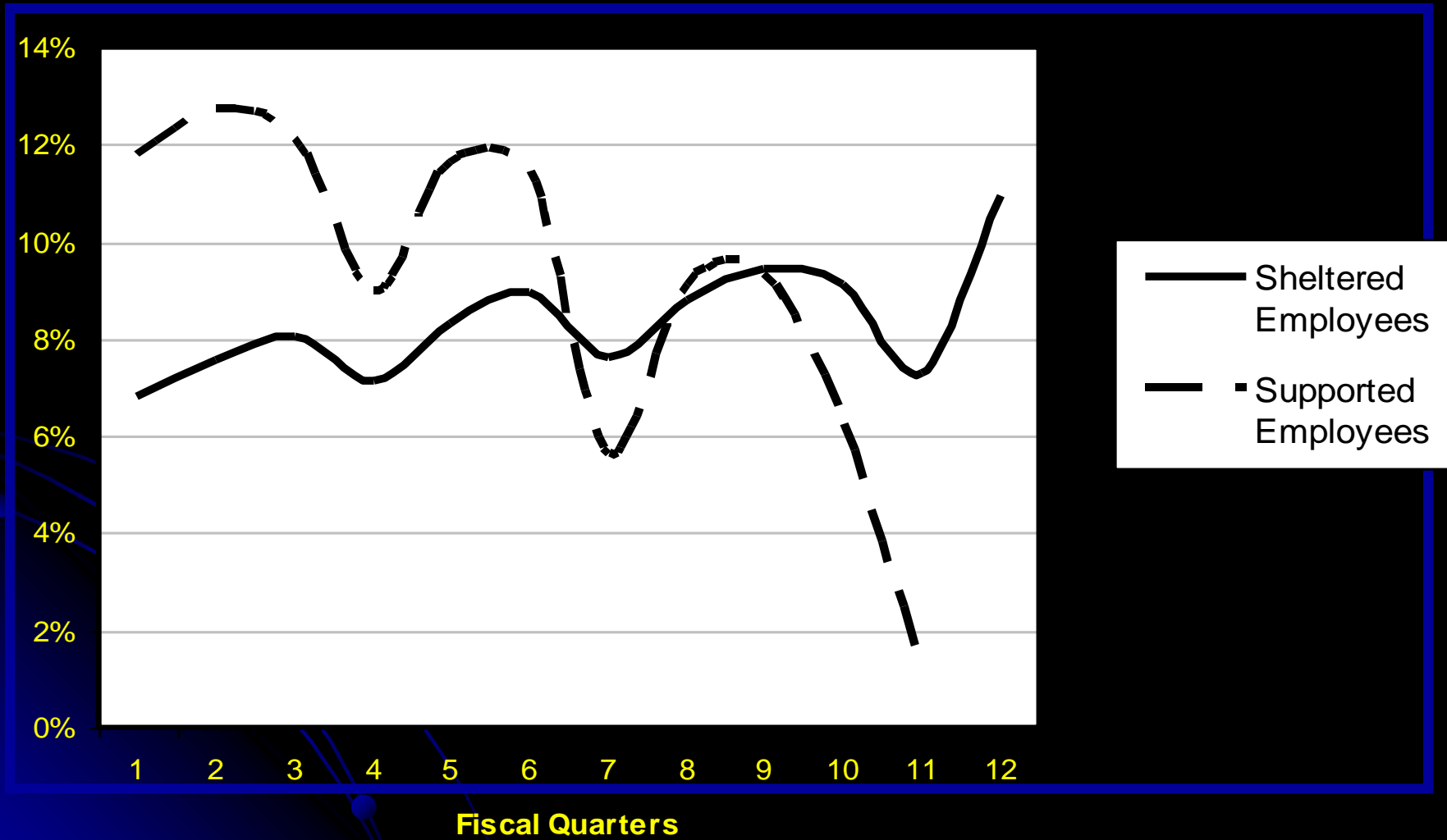
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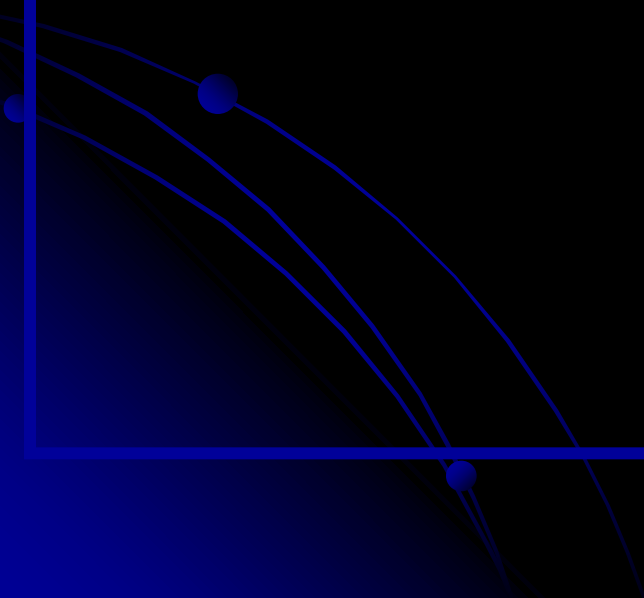


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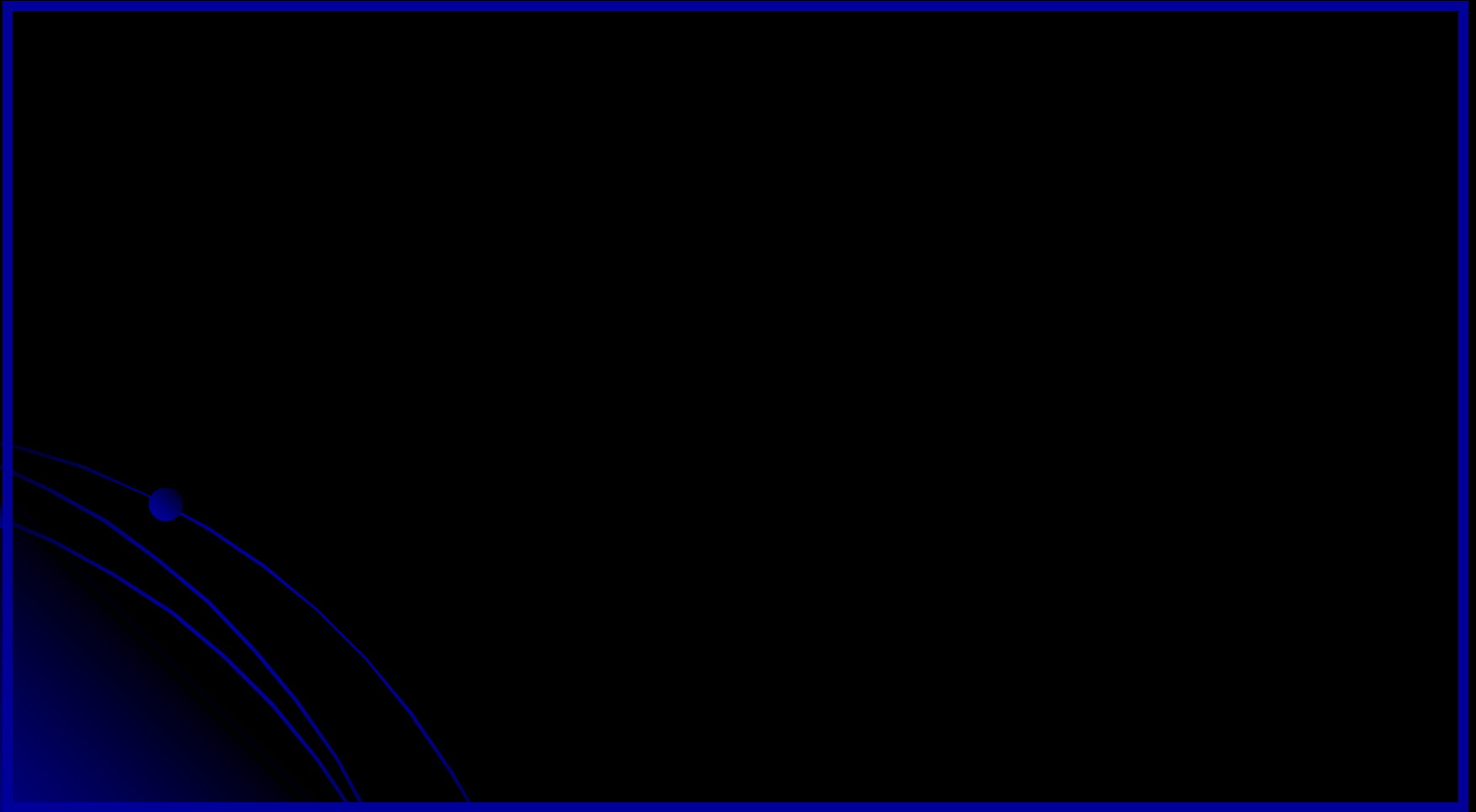


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- For every disability studies, in every State, regardless of number of disabilities, SE is more cost-effective.



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- **Benefits:**

- Alternative Program Savings
- Taxes Paid
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- **Costs:**

- Cost of SE Services
- Tax Credits to Employers

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● <b>Benefits (per month):</b>	<b>\$795.65</b>
● Alternative Program Savings.....	\$731.64
● Taxes Paid.....	\$ 70.84
● Reduction in Subsidies.....	(\$ 6.83)
● <b>Costs (per month):</b>	<b>\$544.31</b>
● Cost of SE Services.....	\$394.31
● Tax Credits to Employers.....	\$150.00

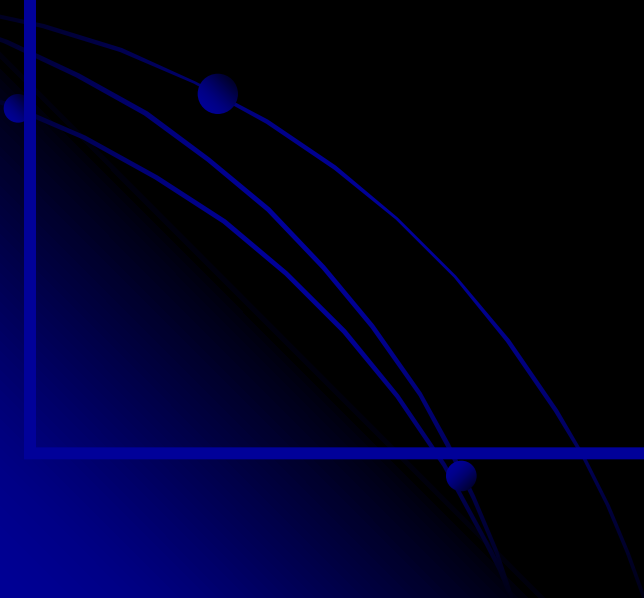
231,204 Supported Employees (2002-2007)

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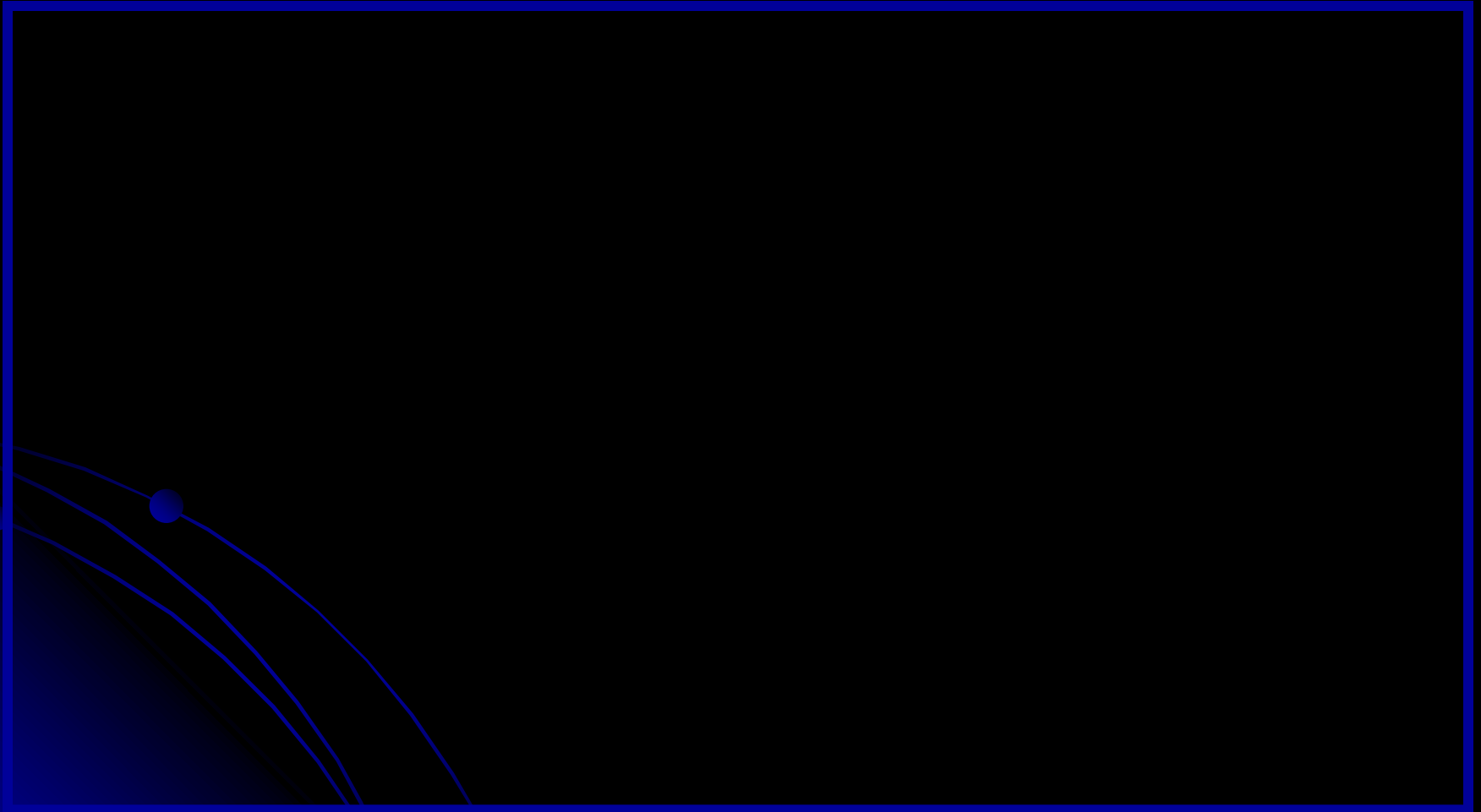
- **Benefit-Cost Ratio = 1.46**
  - Mental Illnesses = 1.68
  - Physical Disabilities = 1.66
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder = 1.62
  - Sensory Impairments = 1.35
  - Intellectual Disabilities = 1.20
  - Traumatic Brain Injuries = 1.17

# Question #3: “Is SE a Good Investment for Taxpayers?”

- Yes...regardless of disability or number of disabilities (but not in all States).



# Question #4: “How Do We Make SE More Effective and Efficient?”



# Thank You!

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