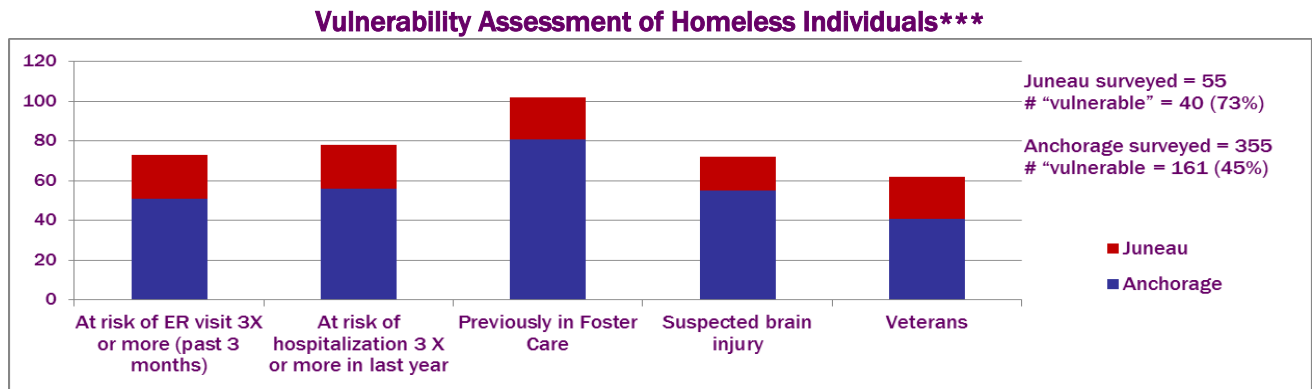
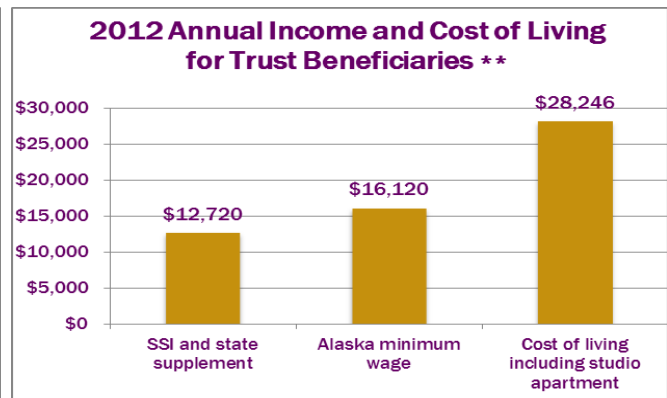
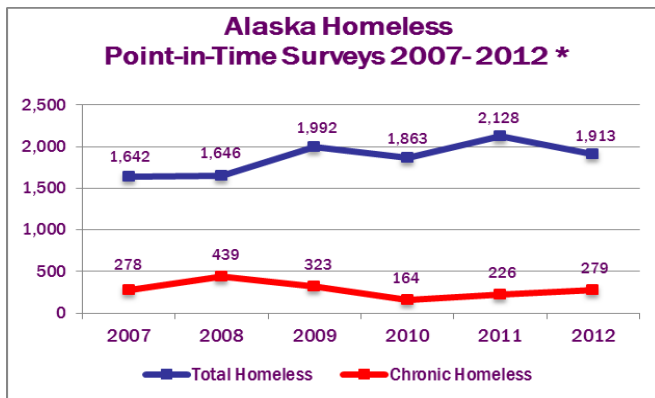


Overview

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Affordable Appropriate Housing Focus Area is increasing the housing options available for Trust beneficiaries, including programs that increase tenancy and tenure in affordable housing for beneficiaries who are currently or at risk of becoming homeless, institutionalized or incarcerated. Trust beneficiaries include people with mental illness, chronic alcoholism and other substance related disorders, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, and traumatic brain injury.

Problem

- The number of chronically homeless people identified in the 2012 HUD count rose 19 percent over prior year.
- The high cost of living versus beneficiaries' earnings.



Sources: *HUD Point-in-Time annual surveys ** Soc. Sec. Admin, Alaska Dept. of Labor, National Low Income Housing Coalition
***Juneau Homeless Coalition and Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness

Support services + housing = results

- Bridge Home and more intensive community outreach models serve more than 200 in the Anchorage area.
- Replicating *Housing First* for beneficiaries with alcohol addiction or other disabling conditions in settings that provide robust social services.
 - Karluk Manor tenants stabilized after one year with 78% retention (compared to 80% in similar programs).
 - Additional programs are in the planning stages in Anchorage, Juneau and Nome.

Budget and policy priorities for FY14

- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Homeless Assistance Program and Special Needs Housing Program
- Long-Term Care Strategic Planning

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