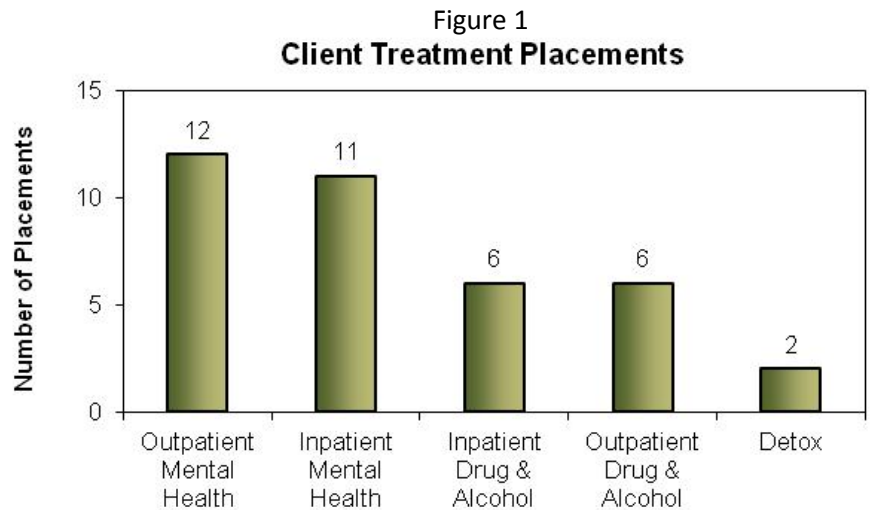


The Beaver County L.A.U.N.C.H. (Learning and Understanding the Needs of the Chronically Homeless) Program began in October 2008 with the first client enrolled in November 2008. In March 2011, NHS Human Services (NHS) took over the contract which had currently been held by Gateway Rehabilitation Center. The purpose of this fact sheet is to present both treatment and housing placements made by BC LAUNCH staff during the first year with NHS.

Treatment Placements

Of the 128 individuals who have enrolled in the BC LAUNCH Program since April 2011, twenty-two were placed in treatment. As shown in Figure 1, placements were predominantly made for mental health treatment (both inpatient and outpatient treatment) while less than half of placements were made for drug and/or alcohol treatment (both inpatient and outpatient).



While most were placed just once in treatment during this time, there were four individuals who had more than one treatment episode that included various levels of care.

Housing Placements

During the first year with NHS, approximately one half (61 out of 128) who had enrolled into the program were placed into housing. The majority of those placements (29) were categorized as safe emergency housing, followed by permanent private housing (such as an apartment) as shown in Figure 2.

Less than one fourth of those placed (23.0%) had been placed more than once (i.e., placed in safe emergency housing initially and then transitional housing, etc.). The average number of placements was 1.4, ranging from one (for forty-seven of the individuals) to five (for one individual).

