HEALTHCARE

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BACKGROUND

People suffering from homelessness have **increased** health complications and die on average 12 years sooner than the general public. Last quarter, UWT Bachelor of Science Nursing peers identified the barriers which were governmental, healthcare system, mental health and poverty.

METHODS

- Reviewed **UWT BSN W2023's** findings
- Reviewed qualitative and quantitative data from peerreviewed journal articles
- Site visits to organizations providing services
- Interviewed **community contacts** from Restoring and Igniting Self-Empowerment (RISE) Center, New Hope Resource Center, Cornerstone Medical Respite, Pierce County Public Health Department, We Care Daily Clinics & others

GOVERNMENT BARRIERS

Housing

by 585 each year

lifespan

Safe Parking

Approximately 1,851 live in vehicles, only 35 spaces, 5 sites

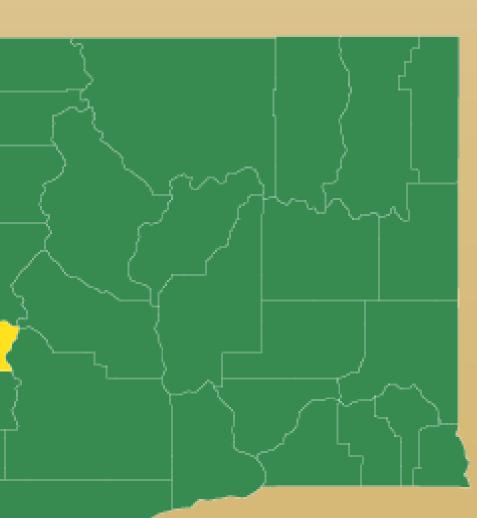
- breaks, funding
- process

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Pierce County: estimated 6500 homeless, forecasted to grow

• Housing stability = increased access to resources & longer

• Needed: more sites, tax • Nursing care on site • Streamlined screening



MENTAL HEALTH

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model

• Provides holistic and interdisciplinary patientcentered care

Examples:

- Homeless Outreach **Stabilization and** Transition (HOST) team.
- Program for Assertive **Community Treatment** (PACT) team

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

SB5236

- Increases availability of nurses
- Improves quality of care = better access for all

Mobile Health Clinics

- Bring services to the client
- Approved for Medicaid reimbursement

POVERTY **Tiny Homes**

Safe and secure temporary housing space to overcome housing instability and move forward for a stable future

- Each small housing units are equipped with furniture, insulation, and amenities.
- Case managers and house managers provided to assist individual cases

Career Training

Job Corps:

- Help ages 16-24 complete high school education, GED, & college credits
- Trains for careers & assists with job placement
- Provides tuition, free housing, meals, basic health care, a living allowance & career transition assistance

Goodwill:

- Offers free job training and educational programs
- Offers youth programs as well
- Digital Equity Bus