

Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



FY2012 Overview

February 1, 2011

Office of the Commissioner

Vision

**‘Securing the State,
Defending the Nation’**

Mission

To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state or around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency response; veterans services; and youth military style training and education.

What We Do

- Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States
- Disaster Preparedness, Response and Initial Recovery
- Youth Intervention
- Outreach to Veterans and Military Families

Results

Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States

- Approximately 190 Alaska National Guardsmen deployed to operations worldwide
- Approximately 2,400 Alaska National Guardsmen serving full-time around Alaska
- 237 Army Guard facilities maintained across Alaska



Results

Disaster Preparedness

- Approximately \$10 Million in grants to local jurisdictions for emergency preparedness equipment, training, planning, and exercises
- 4,500 Participants in the 2010 Alaska Shield/ Arctic Edge emergency response exercise, one of 51 training events conducted
- 265 individual assistance grants for disaster repair of homes, personal belongings, and transportation totaling over \$171,000

Results

Youth Intervention

- Ranked #1 in the nation, per capita, for contacting and recruiting high school dropouts into the Challenge program
- 194 students in residential phase, October 2010
- 292 students in post-residential phase, October 2010
- Over 3,218 total graduates
- 96% of eligible cadets earned and received GED or high school diploma by graduation



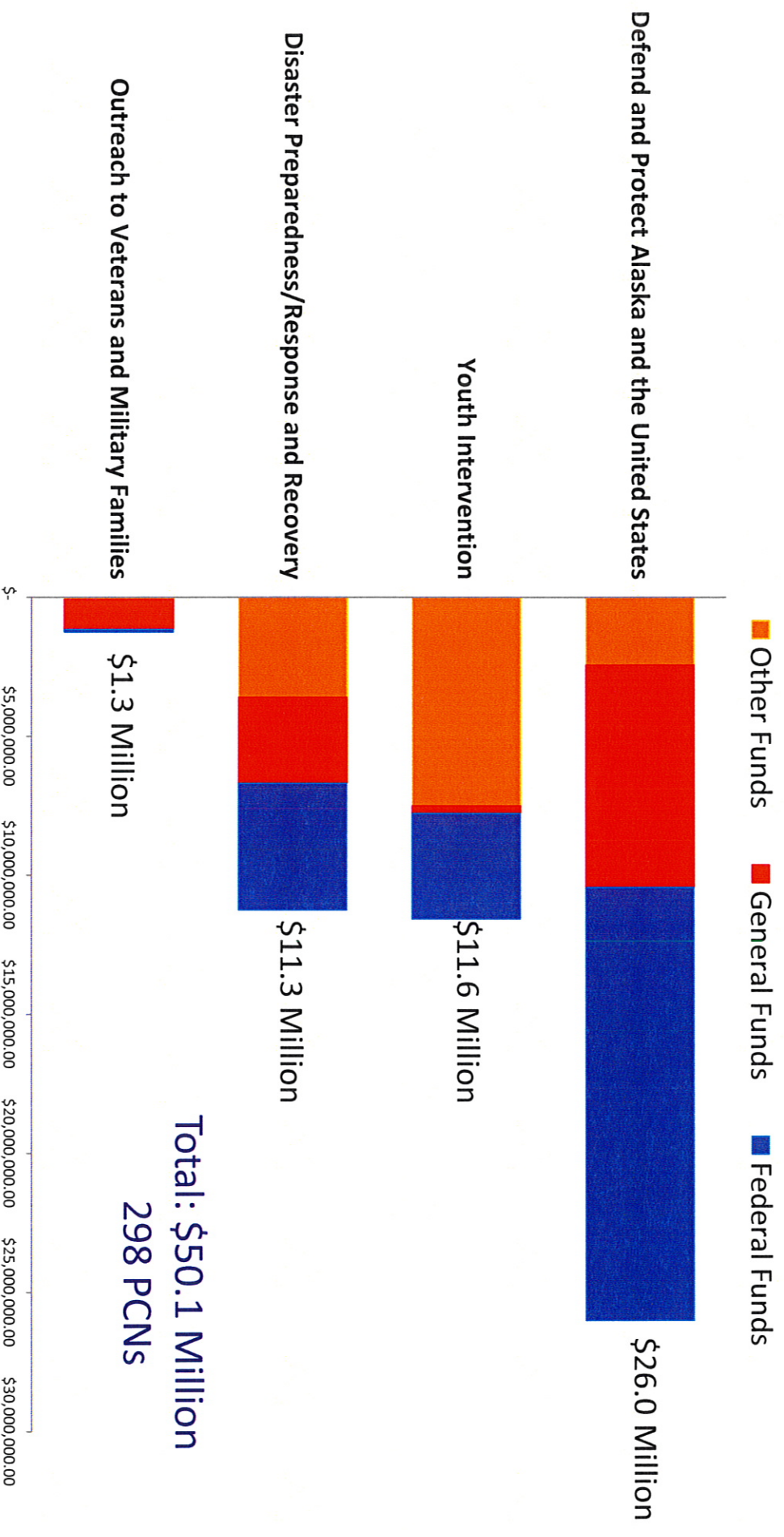
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Outreach to Veterans

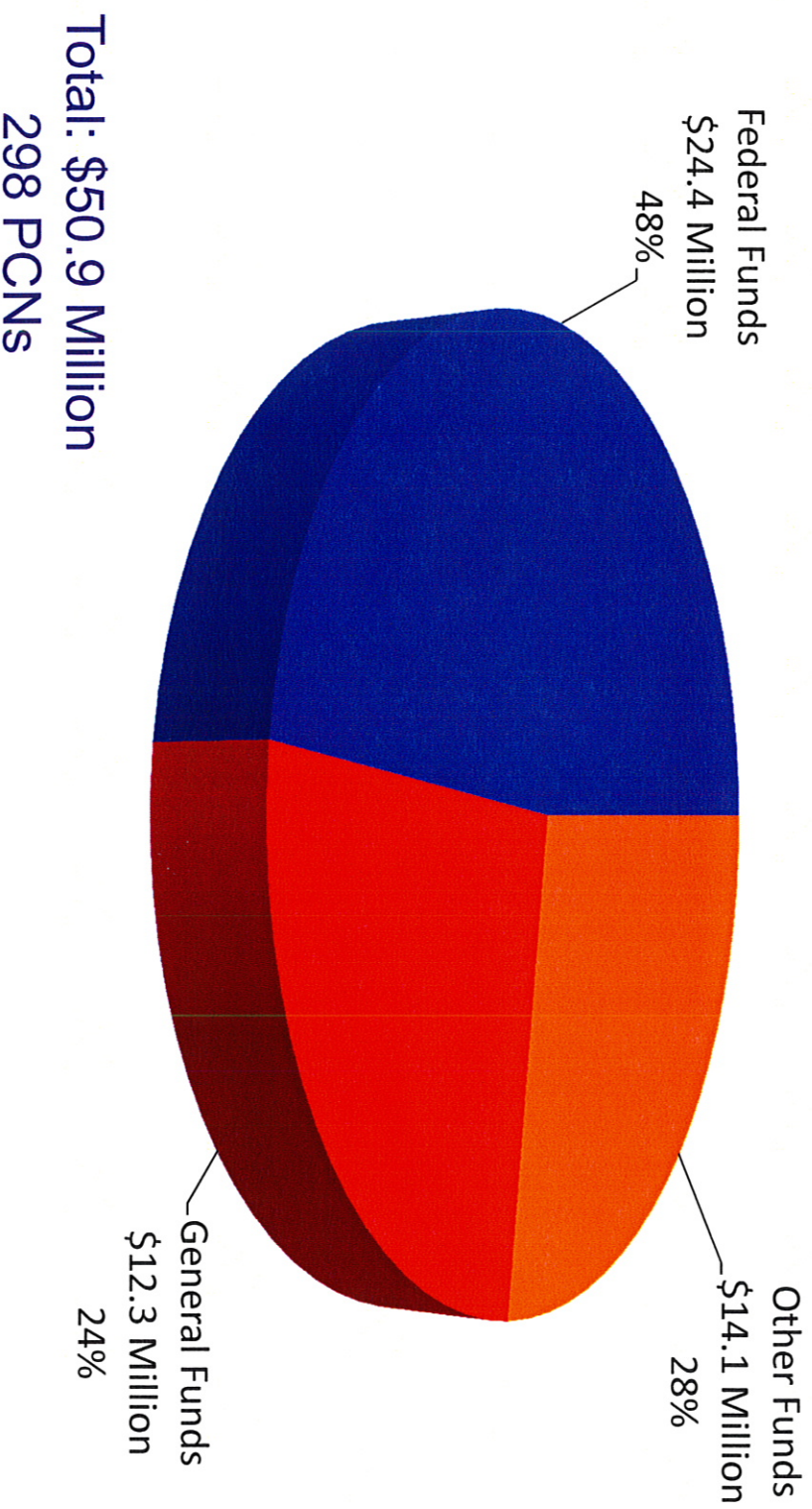
- \$35.6 Million in benefits received by veterans in 2010 (there are 77,000 veterans and approximately 150,000 veteran family members across Alaska)
- Certified over 800 programs of study in educational facilities statewide
- Yellow Ribbon Program provided outreach to 165 Alaskan communities and directly assisted 1,000 veterans and 400 families to attain federal benefits



Current Capacity (FY2011)



FY2012 Budget



Priorities for FY2012

- Increase recruitment and retention of Alaska National Guard members
- Alaska Aerospace Corporation
- Increase number of graduates from Challenge program
- Meet demand for post 9-11 GI Bill and increased scope of education benefits

Questions?