

# **Department of Public Safety Telehealth Program**



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# **Challenge:**

**Providing Psychiatry and Primary Care Services to the Department's Facilities Statewide**

## Solution :

Utilize Telehealth equipment to provide Psychiatry services to the Neighbor Island Facilities.

### **Neighbor Island Facilities**

**Hawaii – Kulani Correctional Facility & Hawaii Community Correctional Center**

**Kauai - Kauai Community Correctional Center**

**Maui – Maui Community Correctional Center**



## *Pros:*

- More efficient use of Physician time.
- Decrease in cost of Neighbor Island travel.
- More efficient clinical time.



## *Cons:*

- Nursing staff and Physicians are not fully comfortable in utilizing telehealth.
- Developing telehealth environment in already crowded Neighbor Island facilities.
- Minimize potential danger from patients to staff.



# Future Plans

Provide more primary care services via Telehealth means.

Establish out of Department network connectivity to specialty care which will minimize out of facility travel for patients.

