LEAD
Honolulu Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center LEAD Evaluation

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is pre-arrest community-based diversion program for people whose criminal activity is due to behavioral health issues. In LEAD, low-level offenders are diverted from arrest by law enforcement by immediate referral to harm reduction based, individualized case management.

In 2019 LEAD pilot projects started in Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Counties.

LEAD participants utilized the Emergency Department 40% less in the past month after engaging in LEAD.

LEAD participants had a 55% reduction in citation encounters with law enforcement compared to three years prior to LEAD.

LEAD participants experienced a 38% reduction in unsheltered days on the street after participating in LEAD.

LEAD participants reported a 62% increase in the number of days they felt hopeful about the future after participating in LEAD.

LEAD participants reported a 30% decrease in experienced violence, trauma or assault after participating in LEAD.

Participants are able to meet with LEAD staff as often as needed, wherever they are for whatever they need with contact between 30 minutes and 13 hours a month.

HARM REDUCTION WORKS

- Low barrier & easy to access non-judgmental services
- Compassionate & holistic person-centered care
- Meet people where they are
- Support any positive change
- Participants define goals

LEAD Participant Services
- 79% received medical care
- 74% received transportation
- 47% received mental health
- 95% received case management

48% of LEAD participants got support with obtaining ID and documentation to become housing ready.

Sources
www.leadbureau.org
www.hhhrc.org

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