

Hawai'i's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) has made great strides in becoming a more data-driven decision-making organization that promotes evidence-based services. With CAMHD administration's support, the Research and Evaluation Office (REO) has been implementing a strategy for disseminating important data to the system, which is having an impact on system policies and practices that should lead to more evidence-based practices.

The presentation will begin with a brief overview of data sharing occurring at various levels of the system of care and then will share several specific examples of strategies that are having an impact on CAMHD's policies and practices. Specific examples include:

1. At the system level, the Length of Treatment Study explored the relationship between the number of months youth were in a specific level of treatment and their outcomes (as measured by the CAFAS and MTPS). The effort provided evidence to assist in the development of CAMHD statewide policies about timeframes for reauthorizing services for individual youth.
2. At the provider level, the Provider Data Party is a bi-annual meeting where CAMHD and its contracted providers collaborate around data including youth characteristics (gender, age, diagnoses), treatment characteristics, and youth outcomes (CAFAS and MTPS improvement). Providers can then use these data to improve their treatment practices and policies and increase use of evidence-based services.
3. At the client level, Project Kealahou is developing Client Progress Reports (CPRs) as part of larger system of care enhancements. CPRs provide clinical staff with feedback about treatment targets, treatment strategies, and progress for individual clients, with the goal of improving client monitoring and treatment planning.