



Mark Patterson is the current Administrator of the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. Mr. Patterson was hired in 2014 to assess and recommend changes for HYCF as Juvenile Justice Reform in Hawaii had reduced the Juvenile incarcerated population by 75%. Mr. Patterson through government and community partnerships has open a 20 bed Homeless Shelter for Young Adults (18-24), a Commercially Sexual Exploited Children Assessment Center, Construction Vocational program for 15-25 year olds and a farm used for cultural aina based education. The Campus also houses a High School for at risk youth. The state has also authorized HYCF to begin planning for a renovation of the entire campus to include a 30 bed Secured Mental Health Facility for youth and a 30 bed residential vocation program for young adults. (18-24 year olds).

Mr. Patterson was the former Warden of Hawaii was known for his Trauma Informed Care Initiative punishment to a therapeutic modality. In 2019 he spoke at a TedX symposium in Honolulu titled:

The Criminal Justice System as a place of Healing

Mr. Patterson began his career as an adult correctional officer for over twenty years for the Department of Corrections

State of Hawaii. Mr Patterson served as a Correctional Captain at Halawa Correctional Facility, Oahu Community Correctional Center and the Women's Community Correctional Center. Mr. Patterson holds an Associate Degree from New Mexico Military Institute and a Bachelor's in Criminology from Florida State University.

In 2019 He was appointed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to sit on the newly formed Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Mr. Patterson is the current chair of the commission.