

Yolo County Jail Inmate Tablet Program

In Partnership with



PROPOSAL:

Pilot a secure tablet-based treatment and educational program in Yolo County correctional facilities to improve inmate access to programs and services.



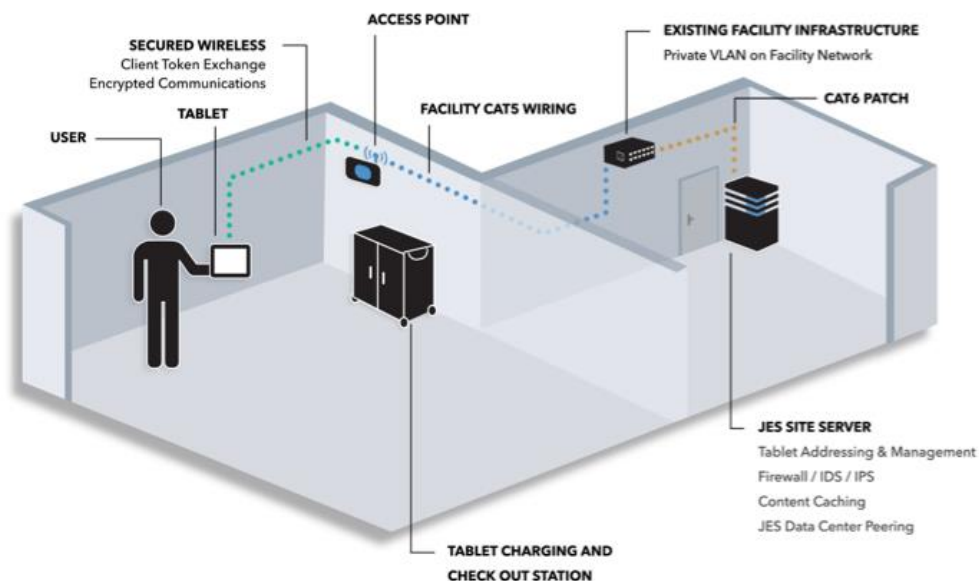
Edovo is a tablet computer that offers quality education and employment resources to the nation's incarcerated population. Their progress is rewarded with access to entertainment like music, movies, and games.

WHY:

Incarceration is a unique opportunity to address the criminogenic needs of a segment of our community, reduce criminality, and thus, reduce victims.

Programming should be seen as a public safety initiative as research consistently shows that quality education is one of the most effective forms of crime prevention. In fact, different studies have shown that effective programs have been shown to reduce recidivism by 30-60%.

Additionally, in-custody programming has been shown to keep inmates engaged and reduce incidents of violence and force within the institution. Some institutions have shown a 9% drop in jail violence in areas that have access to extensive programming, thus making the institution safer for both inmates & staff.



OVERVIEW:

- Housing Units will be equipped with SECURE wireless hotspots. Inmates will only be able to access wireless when in the day room during their timeout.
- Through the Edovo platform, Inmates can access hundreds of hours of programming and educational content during their timeout period.
- Staff can incentive learning & track inmate progress via the Edovo platform.

NEED:

Current in-custody programming reaches roughly 20% of inmates in Leinberger Facility and only about 10% of inmates in Monroe Facility.

Moreover, inmates housed in A1 & A2 have VERY limited access to programming due to their security classification. Typically, only 2-8 inmates in these housing units receive 1-3 hours of non-religious programming each week. Inmates in A1 & A2 have more behavioral and mental health issues than mainline inmates, so it could be argued that these housing units are where programming is needed most.

Tablets and technology based programming will NOT take the place of programs and instructors. In fact, research on treatment in general indicates that the working relationship between staff and the [inmate] accounts for almost 1/3rd of the change that occurs.

Tablets will help supplement and support existing in-custody programs. They can be used by program providers to assign homework and allow inmates to work on skills when they are not in the classroom.

More importantly, tablets will allow inmates who WANT to program but are unable due to classification or program capacity, the opportunity to learn and utilize their incarceration time for positive growth.

Since the Edovo platform is incentive based (allows inmates to access games, music, educational film clips, etc. after completing educational programs), tablets will also likely reach inmates that otherwise would NOT participate in traditional programming.

WHY EDOVO?:

Edovo is a company whose mission is to bring education rich content into the correctional setting with **no cost** to the inmate.



EDOVO CONTENT:

- **Basic Education**
 - Math & Language Arts, grades 6-8
- **Literacy**
 - Short novels for struggling readers
- **GED**
 - Two full practice tests & 20 courses that teach & test material
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)**
 - Video-based intro course for Spanish speaking students
- **Employment**
 - Video-based courses on job search & job skills
 - *Resume building to come*
- **Personal Finance**
 - Household budget basics
- **College Courses**
 - Courses provided by Saylor Foundation
 - *Remote learning & community college credits to come*
- **Health & Wellness**
 - Fitness, nutrition, meditation, heart health, & more
 - How to find a substance abuse treatment program
- **Religion & Spirituality**
 - Christian, Jewish, Islamic, & Buddhist content
- **Parenting**
 - Video course on parenting while incarcerated
- **Cognitive Behavior Therapy**
 - Video-based course addressing criminogenic risk factors
- **Emotional Awareness**
 - Emotional literacy course for incarcerated individuals
- **Peer Mentoring**
 - Video-based course of pro-social individuals who have turned their lives around
- **Legal Information**
 - Criminal process, courtroom etiquette, civil vs criminal, role of the Public Defender, avoiding probation violations, & more
- **Exploratory Content**
 - TED Talks
 - Library of e-books
 - Podcasts & documentaries on history, cars, sports, & more

CONTENT (there's more!!):

- Tablets can integrate with and incorporate existing programming currently used in the facility.
 - Digital homework
 - Recording live classes & making them available to inmates in other parts of the facility
- Jail can upload ANY approved content & make it accessible to the entire jail population.
 - Yolo County Jail Inmate handbook
 - Local church services
 - Addresses / Phone numbers of local resources
 - Instructional videos on how to fill out a Medi-Cal application
 - Video introduction to Probation
 - Community service providers brochures

Criminogenic Needs

Criminogenic Need Category	Yolo County Dept. In Support of Increased In-Custody Programming In this Area			Edovo Currently Offers Programming to Address this Need
History of Antisocial Behavior	Courts	District Attorney	Public Defender	<i>(ability to add programming in this area)</i>
Antisocial Personality Pattern	Courts	District Attorney	Public Defender	YES
Antisocial Cognition/ Criminal Thinking	Courts	District Attorney	Public Defender	YES
Antisocial Associates				<i>(ability to add programming in this area)</i>
Family and/or Marital	Courts	Child Welfare		YES
School / Employment	Courts	Public Defender	Probation Yolo Co. Office of Ed.	YES
Leisure / Recreation	Courts			YES
Substance Abuse	ADMH	Public Defender	District Attorney Child Welfare	YES

Responsivity Issues

Responsivity Issue Category	Yolo County Dept. In Support of Increased In-Custody Programming In this Area				Edovo Currently Offers Programming to Address this Need
Trauma	Courts	Child Welfare	ADMH		<i>(ability to add programming in this area)</i>
Mental Health	Courts	CFMG Probation	Child Welfare Public Defender	ADMH	YES
Physical Health					YES
Language Barrier	Yolo Co. Office of Ed.				YES
Illiteracy	Courts	Yolo Co. Office of Ed.			YES

OTHER FEATURES:

- Telephone
 - Instead of there being 2 phones available in a housing unit at any given time, tablets will enable there to be 20 phones available. Inmates will no longer have to wait in line to call family & friends.
 - More access to family also means less social isolation & more community connectedness. This could reduce depression amongst inmates & reduce recidivism.
- Commissary
 - Kiosks will no longer be needed. Inmates can purchase necessary items off tablets.
- Digital Inmate Handbook
- Digital PREA
 - Automated PREA reporting

ADD-ON FEATURES:

The Edovo Platform is Customizable and there are many features possible with this technology, such as:

- Automated In-Custody Requests
 - Blue Cards
 - Grievances
 - Pink Slips
 - PREA Reporting
- Tele-Psych
- Professional Video Visits
 - Less trips to the jail means less time and wasted gas
 - Less impact on limited programming space, potentially allowing the in-person program schedule to increase
- Legal Law Library
- Streaming to Housing Unit TVs
 - Showing education rich content rather than day-time television programs
- E-mail
 - Secure e-mailing to designated accounts (Public Defender, Probation, Social Services, Child Welfare, etc.)

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS:

- **Goals for the Yolo County Jail Tablet Program**
 - Increase the number of inmates participating in programming
 - Increase the number of programming hours in the jail
 - Streamline communication between inmates & attorneys, probation, service providers, etc.
- Edovo has the ability to provide detailed reports showing the following data:
 - Inmate usage (login history, number of minutes engaged, course statuses, certificates)
 - Course usage (number of inmate completions, number of inmate participants, number of hours engaged)
 - *Edovo also has the capacity to create other customized reports based on Yolo County's needs*
- Tablets are not yet an evidenced based practice, BUT they do utilize evidenced based curriculum and target criminogenic needs known to drive recidivism.

EXPECTED COST SAVINGS:

- Reduced Recidivism
 - Educational & Vocational education & programming have been shown to reduce recidivism by about 43%
 - For every \$1 invested in education, research estimates that incarceration costs reduce \$5 over 3 years
- Paper (no more printing inmate handbooks)

POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS:

- Time
 - Less trips to the jail for Public Defender & Probation
- Medical & Worker's Comp
 - Reduction in incidents of violence and force within the institution will mean less staff & inmate injuries

SMALL PILOT:

Rent With Possibility To Own

- \$25,000 for 6 month pilot program
- After 6 months, option to continue with Edovo or switch tablets provider
- 7 Wifi Hot Spots
 - 4 in A2
 - 1 in B1
 - 1 in A1
 - 1 in B2
- 1 Charge Cart / 40 Tablets

Housing Unit	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
A1	20	20	1	20	1	20	1
A2	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>	7 <small>(12 to be used as incentives)</small>
B1	0	0	20	0	20	0	20
B2	1	1	12	1	12	1	12
TOTAL	28	28	40	28	40	28	40

A2 inmates – 7 hours per week (with the possibility to earn use of tablet 24 hours per day in cell)

A1 inmates – 7 hours for Ad-Seg, 5 hours for Socialization; 6-9 hours for PC; 10 hours for Gang Drop-Out per week

B1 inmates – 8-12 hours for Mainline per week

B2 – 7 hours for Ad-Seg; 8-12 hours for Mainline per week

IN CONCLUSION:

Tablets will bring easily accessible and enticing education and treatment programs to offenders who may otherwise not have access to in-custody programs or who may not seek out/participate in in-custody or out of custody programs.

Service & Innovation are two of Yolo County's core values. Additionally, two of Yolo County's goals for the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is for Thriving Residents & Safe Communities. Tablets are an innovative means of serving members of our community, helping them to thrive, & keeping our communities safe. By bringing accessible education & treatment to incarcerated offenders, we can reduce recidivism, increase public safety, & hold true to Yolo County's Core Values.