

# Tuba City Regional Health Care Telemedicine Program & Service

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Mission: "To provide safe, accessible, quality, and culturally sensitive healthcare"

Vision: "Embracing healthy living to heal, to respect, to console"

Values: We take pride and honor in the dignity in all individuals. We promise to uphold an environment dedicated to quality and a vision of excellence for today and tomorrow.

## **Telemedicine Department**

### Site Locations:

Tuba City Campus, (Tuba City, Az)

Sacred Peaks Health Care (Flagstaff, Az)

LeChee Health Clinic (Page, Az)

Cameron Health Clinic (Cameron, Az)







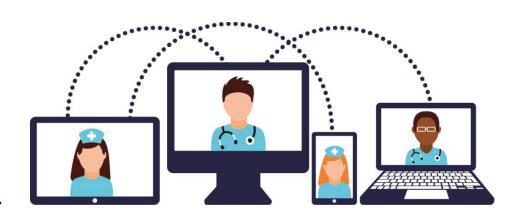
**Services** 

- Mental Health (Telepsychiatry)
- Family Medicine (Dermatology)
- Internal Medicine (Neurology)
- Pediatrics (Pulmonology)
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health (Telepsychiatry)
- Allergy
- Specialty Care (Nephrology)



#### Services Continued:

- Gynecology (Perinatology-Ultra Sound Readings)
- Pediatrics (Telepsychiatry 2 Local High Schools)
- Emergency Department (Telepsychiatry After Hours & Telestroke – Mayo Clinic)
- Gynecology (Perinatology-Ultra Sound Readings)



### Telehealth & Telemedicine Platforms

- Doximity Dialer Phasing out April, 2024
- Microsoft Teams Currently Transitioning







### Telemedicine Expansion

Mobile Unit – Park at Rural Locations

Hub Sites – Rural Areas

Home Video Consults

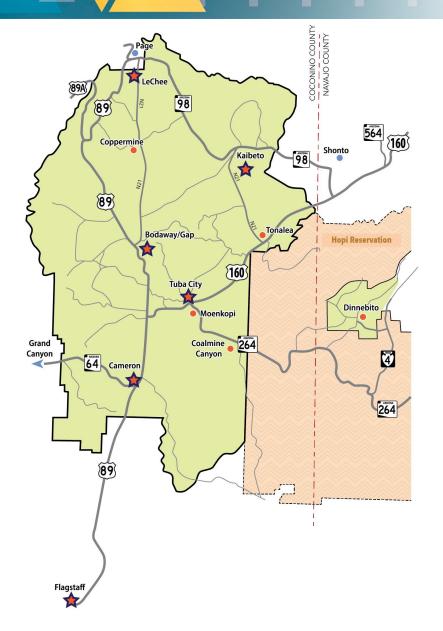




# **Challenges Providing Telemedicine**

- Large Service Area
- Social Determinants of Health
- Lack of Broadband Connectivity
- Limited access to telehealth technology

# Large Service Area



- Consists of 9 communities within an 8,000 square mile radius
- Lack of road infrastructure.



# **Social Determinants of Health**

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination	Health coverage  Provider availability  Provider linguistic and cultural competency
	Zip code / geography	education		Stress	Quality of care

#### **Health Outcomes**

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

# **Lack of Broadband Connectivity**

- Patients don't have access to broadband and there is no local Wi-Fi in many communities
- Utilizing software that has reliable connectivity.
  - Quality Video and Audio for Telemedicine visits
  - Cell phone service for rural areas
  - No fiber in rural areas for high-speed broadband connectivity

# **Limited Access to Technology**

- Patients don't have access to smart phones
- Telemedicine and Telehealth model
  - Telemedicine model for remote provider
  - Telemedicine model for remote patient
- Collaboration with communities to offer hotspots