



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2008 LEGISLATURE**

**ACT 258, SECTION 2
GENDER RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY BASED
PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN**

Department of Public Safety
Corrections Program Services Division
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Hawaii State Legislature appropriated funds for gender responsive community based programs for female offenders under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety. The program design must meet the needs of the female offenders to include but not limited to substance abuse treatment, life skills, employment training and placement, parenting and a transitional support system as they re-integrate back into the community.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Hawaii State Legislature with information regarding the status of the appropriated funds.

II. EXPENDITURES

The Governor approved the Department of Public Safety's request to release the \$175, 000 on October 13, 2006. A Request for Information (RFI) was posted on the State Procurement Office (SPO) website on December 1, 2006. An informational meeting was held on Friday, December 15, 2006.

The Contract for services between WorkNet, Inc. and the Department of Public Safety was executed on June 28, 2007. The notice to proceed was issued on July 31, 2007, for the contract period starting August 1, 2007 and ending July 31, 2008, with one twelve month option to extend, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory performance and prior written mutual agreement.

III. PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

To establish an intensive re-entry program for high-risk women offenders as determined by the Level of Service Inventory. The women receive intensive services based on the high-risk areas in order to assist in transitioning them into employment and pro-social lifestyles in the community.

IV. MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

Enrolled (Aug.-Dec. 2007)	30
Released:	5
Employed or receiving special services:	4
Referred to Crisis Center for mental health Needs	1
Withdrew (after participating in program elected to enter residential treatment)	13*
• Participants previously refused or elected out of residential treatment and were referred to the intensive re-entry program. After attending the program thirteen women made the decision to enter residential treatment. Participants may re-enroll in the intensive program once they have completed addiction treatment.	
Currently in program	12