



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2013 LEGISLATURE

HRS 367D-008  
GENDER-RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS  
FOR WOMEN

Department of Public Safety  
Corrections Program Services Division  
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## INTRODUCTION

The 2006 Hawaii State Legislature appropriated \$175,000 to the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to develop a comprehensive continuum of care to address the gender-responsive needs of Hawaii's female offenders. The program developed by the PSD was designed to support their eventual return to the community through services such as, substance abuse treatment, life skills and parenting education, and, job development training and placement. Annual reports previously submitted by PSD addressed the programs and services provided to Hawaii's female offenders in accordance with HRS 367D-0008.

General funds for the purpose of sustaining the programs and services developed under the direction of HRS 367D-0008, Gender Responsive Community Based Programs for Women, were discontinued during FY 2010 as a result of the state's budget difficulties. In spite of the loss of state funding, PSD was able to temporarily redirect funding from existing federal grants to provide partial services to female offenders for a period of two additional year; this still resulted in a 20% overall reduction in funding for the program during 2012 as federal funds also were reduced.

The data below documents the impact of the reduction of funding not only on the number of women served within each year, but also on the level of services provided. Adjustments made to services to meet level of funding correlates with the decrease in the number served and the increase in the recidivism rate.

## EXPENDITURES

### Intensive Reentry Services for Female Offenders:

Reentry Services is a comprehensive program for female offenders and includes courses that address the effects of trauma, abuse and abandonment, child care, relationships (home and work), career planning, soft skills training for employment, job search, continuing education and technical training, job placement and services to those with special needs.

	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> **
Number served:	35	76	93	245
Number completions(all phases)	16	17	28	n/a
Number in community release	26	36	25	196
Number of job placement	17	12	19	n/a
Number in school/training	2	0	2	n/a
Number in special needs *	20	24	4	n/a
Number returned to custody	5	5	2	21
Cohort Recidivism 1 yr	15.4%	13.8%	8%	10.7%

\* Special needs clients are those who qualify for disability due to physical or mental health conditions as well as those who need special accommodations on the job and or at home.

\*\* The data reflected under this column dates back to the start of the Intensive Reentry Services for Female Offenders in August of 2007.