



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2010 LEGISLATURE

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GENDER RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY BASED
PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

Department of Public Safety
Corrections Program Services Division
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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.

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 first 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. Since funding remained available at the end of July 2008, services were extended to September 2008.

In October 2008, the Contract for services between WorkNet and the Department of Public Safety was extended for one year (October 1, 2008 through September, 2009) in the amount of \$50,000 through federal funds received from the Carl D. Perkins Grant.

This report includes the project period from July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

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.

MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

PROGRAM EFFICIENCY MEASURES

Number of cases reviewed:	88
Number of Intakes	76
Number of Placements by Phase	64
Number of sessions conducted (2 or 3 Hrs)	639
Number of Drops/Suspensions	8
Number of Transfers within System	N/A
Number of Job Placements	4
Number of College/Training	28
Number receiving Special Services	43

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Percent Retained:	89
Percent Advanced by Phase	92
Percent completed by Phase	94
Percent hired	N/A
Percent receiving special services	78
Job retention one year	N/A
Percent in new jobs	N/A
Percent special needs placements	44

In addition to the reported outcomes listed above there are other significant program milestones that should be noted. Of 76 new enrollees, 48 women have been released between the starting and ending dates for this performance period. At the time of this report, two have been returned to custody during this period. That translates to a **5% recidivism** rate for this performance year.

It should be noted that of the female inmates released, only 5 were immediately available for job placement, 29 are taking prescribed medication, and 17 are under the care of mental health professionals. Due to the crippling economy, PSD was not able to provide a full range of support services to this segment of the female population.