



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2011 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 PSD was designed 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. Annual reports previously submitted by PSD addressed the programs and services provided to Hawaii's female offenders in accordance with HRS 367D-008.

General funds for the purpose of sustaining the programs and services developed under the direction of HRS 367D-008, 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. The mid-term statistics of these services that were included in the federal report are provided below.

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.

Number served:	93
Number completions (all phases)	28
Number in community release	25
Number of job placements	19
Number in school/training	2
Number special needs	4 *
Number returned to custody	2
Cohort Recidivism 1 yr	8%

* 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.