



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2010 LEGISLATURE**

ACT 240 (2008)

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

December 2009

ACT 240

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS TASK FORCE

Act 240 calls for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to re-establish the children of incarcerated parents task force previously established by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128 (2005) and Act 256, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006. The goal is to identify and develop programs and support services for children of incarcerated parents, as well as programs to strengthen the bond between the families.

During late 2008 PSD sent letters to the task force chairpersons, Ted I. Sakai and Kat Brady requesting advisement in re-establishment of the task force last year. At that time, no responses were received from either individual.

During September 2009 PSD again sent letters to both the task force chairpersons. Mr. Sakai responded and clarified his previous role as chairperson was as a representative of the Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA). He referred PSD back to GBA and other parties named in ACT 240. Ms. Brady also responded this year via email and referred PSD to the 2006 Legislative Report (SCR 128 Task Force – Children of Incarcerated Parents).

PSD is currently reviewing the 2006 report. Following our review, we may decide to make contact with the other parties referred to in ACT 240 in an effort to move forward.