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## What is ICIS?

The Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) was formed by Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon in a cooperative interagency agreement between the Judiciary, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, and the State Attorney General in 2002.

**ICIS Welcomes Our New LSI-R Trainers**, by *Max Otani*,  
*Parole Administrator and Training Committee Chair*



Trainers from left: Vincent Borja, Ruth Forbes, Douglas Andrews, Caroline Affonso, Colin Fukunaga and Kathi Fujii



Trainers from left: Rochelle Nieto, Deborah Pike, Christine Kefford, Corrine Miyazu and Sherrie Dolder



Pictured above with the first class of LSI-R trainers, are JSAT trainers Brad Bogue and Anjali Nandi.



Trainer Ali Hall joined Brad Bogue in training the second class of LSI-R trainers in early April of this year.

**Take a look in ...**

***Perspectives***

Spring 2008

for

**Combining Officer Supervision Skills:**

A New Model for Increasing Success in Community Corrections.

By Brad M. Bogue, Jennifer Diebel, & Tom O'Connor.

From March 31-April 4, 2008, 16 participants from the Judiciary, Department of Public Safety and Hawaii Paroling Authority attended a LSI-R Training for Trainers session at the University of Hawaii Manoa. The grueling week long training was conducted by Brad Bogue and Ali Hall from JSAT. We are happy to report that all participants completed the training and we would like to welcome to our training team: Douglas Andrews, Christine Kefford, Corrine Miyazu (3rd Circuit Probation), Matelina Aulava, Kathi Fujii, Sheri Shimabuku (1st Circuit Probation), Ruth Forbes, Rochelle Nieto, Lois Torikawa (PSD), Colin Fukunaga, Michael Knott (HPA), Kimberly Fukushima (5th Circuit Probation), Araceli Gonzalez, Jack Viohl (5th Circuit Drug Court), Deborah Pike and Owen Seiki (2nd Circuit Probation). This session was also monitored by veteran LSI-R trainers Milton Kotsubo, Caroline Affonso (PSD), Sherri Dolder and Vincent Borja (Judiciary).

Our trainers also participated in two-day (4/21-22/08) MI tape critique training at UH Manoa. The training was conducted by Jennifer Diebel of JSAT. Trainers that participated in this training will strive to obtain certification to review proficiency tapes for LSI-R interviews. Trainers that participated in this training were Caroline Affonso, Douglas Andrews, Vincent Borja, Sherri Dolder, Kathi Fujii, Colin Fukunaga, Christine Kefford, Milton Kotsubo, Corrine Miyazu, Rochelle, Nieto, Deborah Pike, Owen Seiki, Sheri Shimabuku and Lois Torikawa. While they are currently working on their certification, we are sure they will all be certified in the near future.

On April 23, 2008, the trainees became the trainers, when 11 of our new trainers took the stage and conducted their first LSI-R training session. Trainers, assisted by veteran trainers Caroline Affonso, Milton Kotsubo, Sherri Dolder and Vincent Borja, conducted two training sessions at the same time with approximately 14 participants in each group. We would like to congratulate Douglas, Ruth, Kathi, Colin, Christine, Rochelle, Owen, Sheri, Corrine, Deborah and Lois on a job well done.



Training Chair Max Otani pictured above with Trainer Lois Torikawa.

Taken from the JSAT  
newsletter:

## Change Talk Defined

Important steps in helping offenders make their own arguments for change are being able to **recognize** change talk when you hear it, and then to **reinforce** it, using reflections, for example. There are six different types of change talk:

### Desire

"I *want* to get off probation."

### Ability

"I *could* stop drinking for a week."

### Reason

"My kids shouldn't see me like that..."

### Need

"I *have* to make some money or I'll end up right back here again."

### Commitment

"I *will* go to workforce tomorrow."

### Taking Steps

"I *went* to a job interview last week."



Trainers Sherrie Dolder and Owen Seiki take a moment out from training to flash a smile of enthusiasm for the successful LSI-R training being delivered.



Trainers Sheri Shimabuku, Vincent Borja and Milton Kotsubo enjoy a bit of nourishment and respite before returning to the eager trainees after lunch.



Trainers demonstrate how to do reflections.



## HOPE in the Media

### *American Prospect:*

#### **"HOPE for Reform"**

[http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=hope\\_for\\_reform](http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=hope_for_reform)

### *Rolling Stone:*

#### **"How America Lost the War on Drugs"**

[http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/story/17438347/how\\_america\\_lost\\_the\\_war\\_on\\_drugs\\_on\\_rollingstone.com](http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/story/17438347/how_america_lost_the_war_on_drugs_on_rollingstone.com)

## **HOPE Probation Gaining Recognition, by *the Honorable Steven S. Alm***

It has been a busy Spring for HOPE Probation.

On April 3, 2008, I went to Lisbon, Portugal (all expenses paid, of course, with the Judiciary having no travel budget) to present on HOPE Probation at the Second Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. I was the only "practitioner" as the rest were academics and researchers. It was very interesting, and I got a lot of questions from the participants about our collaborative approach to probation.

HOPE Probation has also been discussed in a variety of settings this spring. James Q. Wilson, a leading U. S. criminologist, wrote a Sunday Los Angeles Times article on crime, highlighting HOPE as a suggested approach to California's handling of drug offenders.

Dr. Wilson and Dr. Alfred Blumstein, another leading American criminologist, were featured in a Pew Public Safety Performance Project interview. Our efforts in Honolulu with HOPE were discussed as a way to encourage drug treatment and reduce criminality.

The Little Hoover Commission published a March 2008 report to the California Governor and Legislature entitled, "Addressing Addiction: Improving & Integrating California's Substance Abuse Treatment System." The report favorably discussed HOPE Probation both in its opening two-page letter to the Governor and Legislative leaders, as well as in the body of the report and an Appendix.

The cooperative effort of so many ICIS partners continues to go well. We now have more than 1,200 defendants on HOPE Probation. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

## **ICIS Welcomes HPD Assistant Chief Macadangdang of the Special Field Operations Bureau to the Council**

Assistant Chief Randal Macadangdang joined the department in 1983 and had various assignments in patrol, the Police Training Academy, Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Affairs, and the Field Training Evaluation Program.

As a lieutenant, he was responsible and instrumental in the planning, training, and strategic deployment of over 300 patrol officers and supervisors for the successful meeting of the International Asian Development Bank Conference that was held in May 2001.



Dr. Patricia VanVoorhis

In the fall UC Research magazine, Drs. Latessa, VanVoorhis and Cullen were featured in an article by Carey Hoffman called "**Breaking Out**".

*Taken from this article:*

### **Not Every Offender is the Same**

That premise lies at the heart of corrections research in UC's criminal justice division, and it's particularly true for the fastest growing segment of offenders—women.

Very little has been done to explore differences in outcomes for women who have participated in the same programming models and practices traditionally developed for men. But, with a series of grants from the National Institute of Corrections to study the classification of women offenders, UC is on the leading edge in exploring those issues.

The study is wrapping up its third year of work in Missouri, Minnesota and Hawaii, and, says principal investigator Pat VanVoorhis, PhD, clear patterns are emerging.

"Our preliminary results," she says, "show that women's offenses are very heavily affected by issues like mental health, poverty, substance abuse, a lack of family and relationship support and an overwhelming single-parenting situation—issues you would associate more with mental health than a criminal profile.

In June 2001, he was promoted to the rank of captain and served as the Executive Officer in Waikiki, the Police Training Academy, and went to District 3 - Pearl City in April 2004. In February 2005, he was promoted to the rank of major and took command of the patrol operations in District 3 that included the Pearl City Police Station. In March 2006, he was transferred to District 1 - Central Honolulu, and in January 2007 was placed on special assignment to command District 6 – Waikiki, and was permanently assigned to the district in October.

In April 2008, he was promoted to the rank of assistant chief and is responsible for the Special Field Operations Bureau that includes the Central Receiving, Homeland Security, Specialized Services, and Traffic divisions, and the Civil Defense section.

Born and raised on the island of Maui, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Masters of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. He is also a graduate of Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government's "Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" class. As an instructor for the Police Academy for many years, Assistant Chief Macadangdang holds a multitude of instructor certifications in various law enforcement subjects.

Welcome, Assistant Chief Macadangdang.

## **Creating A Responsive Environment for Women and Families (CARE) Celebrates One Year Anniversary for Hosting Coffee Hour, *information provided by Gail Nakamae, C.A.R.E. Coordinator***

The Provider/Community Group, CARE Open Foreveryone's Education (COFFEE) Hour informational meetings are held the second Friday of each month to update the group on the activities of the CARE team as well as to have community agencies explain their functions to the other agencies.

For COFFEE HOUR in February, CARE celebrated its one-year hosting anniversary. The sessions are still very well attended with 15-20 plus people at every event. Among the agencies that have presented over this past year are: MEO BEST and PROTECT Programs, Ka Hale Ake Ola, the Homeless Resource Center, Mental Health Kokua, Women Helping Women, Child and Family Service, Adult Mental Health Division, The Institute for Family Enrichment (TIFFE)-Parent Education Program, DHS –Benefit Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD)-Med-QUEST Division and PATCH (People Attentive to Children).

The featured agencies this summer include: the Dept. of the Prosecuting Attorney on Friday, June 13, Workforce Development Division, Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations on Friday, July 11 and Family Court Drug Court on Monday, August 4.

That's not to say these women haven't done some serious things, but it's a different pattern from what we see in men."

So far, research has involved more than 1,500 women, and additional phases are planned in California, Ohio, Indiana and Colorado. The hope is to determine paths that will help women offenders turn their lives around by linking them to appropriate social support dealing with challenges like substance abuse, employment, child support and public housing.

"Assessments currently in use don't even talk about issues like children, family support, parenting or trauma," Van Voorhis says. "Until recently, many were not "normed" or validated for women. We've been flying blind when it comes to women offenders."

Considered an authority on correctional effectiveness, Van Voorhis is lead author on the most widely used textbook on correctional rehabilitation. In addition to her gender projects, she is collaborating with UC graduate Jennifer Pealer to lead a statewide implementation of new rehabilitation programming in Georgia.

The "Gender Responsive Risk/Needs Assessment Final Report" that was prepared for the Maui CARE Project is available upon request through ICIS.

COFFEE Hours are held on Maui from 12:00 noon-1:30 pm at the MEO Classroom, 99 Mahalani St. Feel free to bring your own "brownbag" lunch/refreshments. If you would like additional information, you may contact Gail Nakamae, CARE Coordinator at 244-2871 or email:

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## **SOMT Looking Ahead in 2008**, by *Leanne Gillespie, S.O.M.T. Coordinator*

This year, SOMT combined its 2nd Annual Recognition Meeting with its CASOM Training Grant Implementation Planning Meeting, which was held at the Ala Moana Hotel and provided presentations by both Dr. Kurt Bumby and Leanne Gillespie. The purpose of this meeting was to bring participants from across the state together to review SOMT's accomplishments over the past year, prioritize the training needs based on the completed comprehensive assessment and to thank those who assisted SOMT in accomplishing these goals.

In 2007, SOMT accomplished the following objectives; was awarded a 2007 BJA CASOM Training Grant, formed a subcommittee to complete the comprehensive sex offender management assessment, increased collaboration with city and county and private vendor agencies, sustained the juvenile standards subcommittee work, continued consultation with Ms. Keri Fitzpatrick on the juvenile standards, drafted adult treatment standards, formed the adult risk assessment subcommittee, completed on-line versions of the Static-99, Stable-2007 and Acute-2007 on Cyzap, provided statewide training on these adult risk assessments, completed the BJA required statewide comprehensive assessment, and had the biggest ever Hawaii delegation at the annual ATSA Conference in San Diego.

The goals for 2008 include; adopting the drafted juvenile standards, adopt the completed draft of adult standards for evaluation, provider qualifications and treatment, review and adult polygraph and supervision standards, complete the new Master Plan, continue to build collaborative partnerships, implement the statewide use of the adult risk assessment instruments, and implement the BJA CASOM training plan.

During this meeting, the following four training implementation strategies were outlined; convene a leadership and policy maker's forum on sex offender management, sponsor two judiciary-focused events to address the unique needs of judges who preside over sex offense cases (i.e. adult and family court), execute a multi-day multidisciplinary training event for field level professionals, and design a train the trainers form to increase substantive capacity and sustainability on sex offender management training efforts within Hawaii.

Subcommittees were formed for each of the training strategies. The efforts put forth over the past year by those who serve both on and with SOMT is greatly valued and appreciated. Without their efforts, the accomplishment



Dr. Edward Latessa

has authored seven books, including *Corrections in America*, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> edition, and *Corrections in the Community*, now in its fourth edition. He also has 75 academic articles to his credit.

*Also taken from the "Breaking Out" article:*

UC has now developed its research into its own proprietary program assessment tool, the Corrections Program Checklist (CPC). The checklist takes data gathered from the 450 programs criminal justice researchers have studied and identifies in detail what prescriptive methods are most likely to work, based on the characteristics and background of each offender.

The most recent additions to the database came this year (06) with the wrap-up of a huge Ohio study—the largest of its kind—that examined outcomes for 14, 500 juvenile offenders involved in several hundred programs.

In that study, UC researchers examined dozens of factors in each program and compared them with their own standards.

Using a tool called the Correctional Program Assessment Inventory (CPAI), which preceded the CPC, they found that programs in the bottom 30 percent on the CPAI quality scale had 18 percent more recidivism (reoffending), compared with programs rated higher on the scale.

of these objectives on the path to accomplishing our mission to end sexual victimization, would not become reality. Thank you.

## Updating the Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Programs (BIPs) Standards, by *Maureen Kiehm, Family Court Program Specialist*

The Judiciary, with the assistance of Lee Stein, consultant, Child and Family Service, and Parents and Children Together, is currently in the process of revising and updating the "*Hawaii Batterers Interventions Program Standards*", which has been adopted by the Judiciary statewide. The previous revisions, which were authored by a private/public sector group, were finalized in July 2002.

The current changes propose to incorporate many of the evidence-based practices and other ICIS compatible initiatives, as well as a review of standards from other states. Input and comments will be solicited from Judiciary contracted BIPs and the courts from each circuit, before final adoption.

## Research Corner:

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### Impact and Need Analysis for a Gender Responsive Risk Assessment in Hawaii

*Timothy Wong, Ph.D.*

*ICIS Research Analyst*

*CPJA – Research and Statistics Branch*

*Department of the Attorney General*

ICIS is currently studying the impact of introducing to the State of Hawaii a *Gender Responsive Risk Assessment*, designed by Patricia Van Voorhis, Ph.D. A collaborative four-year research project with the National Institute of Corrections, the University of Cincinnati, and Maui CARE (Creating a Responsive Environment for Women and Families) revealed that female offenders can benefit from gender specific treatment services. This is largely due to the high needs areas of the female offender population, which include symptoms of depression/anxiety, housing safety, anger, and family conflict.

The ICIS Working Group requested additional research to help answer the following questions: (1) is there a need for a gender specific responsive assessment tool; and (2) if so, can correctional agencies implement a gender responsive assessment without substantial impact on the probation/parole officers' workload?



Programs in the top 30 percent by CPAI standards had 20 percent lower recidivism than the other programs.

The evaluation process is intricate—akin to a doctor writing a treatment plan that features 20 or more variables that need to be individually factored in and addressed. We go in looking to implement a set of principles," Latessa says. What we do is very prescriptive. A lot of academics go into situations like these and only know how to critique."

To access the "Breaking Out" article, visit <http://www.uc.edu/criminaljustice/>

The Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) is currently being utilized in Hawaii by ICIS.

A recidivism analysis was recently conducted to partially assist the ICIS Working Group with their impact study. The research findings reveal that for female offenders, the LSI-R and ASUS sub-domains are not predictive of recidivism, except for the LSI-R's Leisure and Recreation sub-domain. On the other hand, recidivism is predictive for male offenders on seven of ten LSI-R sub-domains. Thus, the LSI-R, with respect to the sub-domain risk parameters, appears to lack predictive value for female offenders in Hawaii. Additionally, data depicted in Table 1 reveal problems with risk classification for the female offender. The present LSI-R risk classification system adopted by ICIS is not predictive of recidivism for female offenders, although it is predictive for male offenders (statistically significant at the  $p < .001$  level). Although female offenders experienced higher re-arrest rates as risk level increases - Administrative (45.7%), Medium (62.5%), and High (64.3%), however, it could not be statistically confirmed for predictive validity. The findings indicate that the use of the LSI-R for risk classification purposes may not be appropriate for female offenders.

Table 1: LSI-R Risk Classification				
	Female (n=166)		Male (n=1,279)	
	Pct. No Re-Arrest	Pct. Re-Arrest	Pct. No Re-Arrest	Pct. Re-Arrest
Administrative (<=18)	54.3%	45.7%	58.4%	41.6%
Low (19 - 20)	54.5%	45.5%	50.5%	49.5%
Medium (21 - 25)	37.5%	62.5%	46.0%	54.0%
High (26 - 35)	35.7%	64.3%	37.6%	62.4%
Surveillance (36+)	23.1%	76.9%	42.2%	57.8%
Total	41.4%	58.6%	46.3%	53.7%

Note: Female Recidivism by risk categories are not statistically significant  
Male Recidivism by risk categories are statistically significant ( $p < .001$ )

An alternative risk classification system for female offenders may be needed to ensure that case planning, supervision levels, and treatment services are accurately targeted to the offender's risk level. A validated female offender risk classification system was introduced to the ICIS Policy Committee on April 18, 2008. This seven-item LSI-R and ASUS PROXY revealed high predictive recidivism validity for female offenders. It included the following indicators: (1) LSI-R total score ( $\geq 21$ ); (2) LSI-R protective score ( $\leq 16$ ); (3) Age range (30-44 years); (4) LSI-R Leisure/Recreation ( $> .50$ ); (5) ASUS Involvement ( $> .50$ ); (6) Age of first arrest ( $< 22$  years); and (7) Unemployment ( $> 1$  month). Table 2 reveals re-arrest rates for females classified at the Administrative (25.0%), Low (40.6%), Medium (54.4%), and High (83.9%) risk levels. These rates are statistically predictive of recidivism at the  $p < .01$  level of significance.

Table 2: Female LSI-R and ASUS PROXY	
Risk Classification (n=141)	Pct. Re-Arrest
Administrative (0 -1 pts)	25.0%
Low (2 - 3 pts)	40.6%
Medium (4 - 5 pts)	54.4%
High (6 pts)	83.9%
Surveillance (7 pts)	84.6%

Note: Female risk class recidivism is statistically predictive ( $p < .01$ )



In conclusion, this preliminary research suggests that a gender responsive assessment tool may be needed, considering that the LSI-R sub-domains have failed to show sufficient predictive validity for all but for one sub-domain. Furthermore, the lack of predictive validity in the current risk classification system for female offenders may necessitate an alternative classification system that is more accurately predictive of female recidivism. The alternate classification system can reduce workload issues by administering the Gender Responsive Risk Assessment to only the High/Surveillance level female offenders.

As an update, in addition to the above study, ICIS Research is anticipating the completion of the Gap Analysis by July. Also, data collection for the baseline recidivism study will begin in July/August.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (808) 587-6399, or by email at [timothy.i.wong@hawaii.gov](mailto:timothy.i.wong@hawaii.gov).

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

- Drug Testing and Interpretation of Results by Dr. Leo J. Kadehjian will be presented on May 9, 2008 at Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium from 1-4 p.m. A VCC session will be held in the a.m. from 8:30-11:30 a.m. that same day.
- INTIMATE PARTNER SEXUAL VIOLENCE training will occur on May 28-29, 2008 at Ala Moana Hotel - Honolulu, Hawaii. Training is by invitation and is being co-sponsored by the Judiciary, First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, through funding from Grants No. 2004-WF, 2005-WF and 2006-WF awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice through the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General, and the Judiciary's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account.
- The Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) will be conducting Motivational Interviewing training on June 5-6, 2008 on Oahu and June 19-20, 2008 on the Big Island.
- ICIS working group meetings next quarter will be held on May 22, June 26 and July 24, 2008. The next policy meeting will be held on July 25, 2008.

**The next quarterly ICIS Newsletter will be published in July, 2008.**