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CONTINUING CARE/REINTEGRATION PROGRAM  
Hawaii Department of Public Safety

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Current FY2023 RSAT funded program

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

Hawaii's Bridge Program is a transitional program for people who have completed primary substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in prison and are transitioning back into the community. It is provided in two facilities: the Oahu Community Correctional Facility (for men) and the Women's Community Correctional Facility.

The six-month program began in 2005 and can serve up to 79 people at a time—64 men and 15 women. There are currently 79 participants, and 100 completed the program in the past year. The program uses a continuum of care model and an evidence-based proprietary curriculum. Participants are housed in designated housing units at their respective facilities.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, SCREENING/ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT PLANNING

To be eligible, participants must have completed primary substance abuse treatment while incarcerated; be classified as moderate to high risk; and meet department furlough eligibility criteria, which include having medical clearance and not having been written up for offenses. Sex offenders are eligible but often participate in SOTP in the community.

Screening is completed by program staff using the Level of Service Inventory – Revised (LSI-R) to determine appropriateness for the program, taking into account the individual's risk and need levels. During the first two weeks, program staff complete a biopsychosocial assessment with each participant, generating a list of needs to be addressed by the treatment plan.

Treatment plans for the Bridge Program are developed with individuals while they are completing the primary SUD treatment program. Motivational interviewing is used to facilitate each individual's active participation in the planning process. Treatment goals focus on addressing criminogenic issues.

## MODALITY OF RSAT PROGRAM

The Bridge Program is a six-month transitional program that uses the *Getting it Right* reentry program, an evidence-based proprietary curriculum. The modality of the Bridge Program is similar to that of an outpatient treatment setting or continuum of care. Because participants have already completed primary treatment within the facilities, the expectation is that individuals have successfully acquired recovery-oriented skills and are working on ways to apply these skills once they are in the community. The programming provides a structured, safe environment that allows participants to address any concerns they have about transitioning to a less-restrictive environment.

Most program participants work during the day—many at work-release jobs in the community—so the majority of program activities are held in the evening. In addition to the *Getting It Right* curriculum, Bridge Program participants have access to a range of groups and services. The program also offers individual and group counseling, vocational classes, and case management services. Other available resources include bus passes and clothing vouchers.

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

The program offers family therapy and family education groups, which take place in the evening so families can participate.

## **CONTINUING CARE/REINTEGRATION**

The Department of Public Safety has contracts with community-based providers to assist graduates of the program with vocational training, job skills development and job placement, housing, transportation subsidies, and clothing vouchers. Bridge Program staff arrange for the transfer of care and stay in touch with community providers to ensure that participants have sufficient support and resources.

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