

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 245 of 2008
Section 423(2)
Female Technical Parole Violator Pilot Project
May 2009

Section 423(2) of 2008 P.A. 245 requires that the Department of Corrections provide a report on the female technical parole violator pilot project, including information on the extent to which the program has been successful as evidenced by:

- A reduction in the number of female technical parole violator returns to prison compared to prior year returns.
- The number of parolees enrolled in the pilot project who have either been convicted of new offenses or have pending charges upon return compared to parolees with similar characteristics.

The female technical parole violator pilot project began in March 2008 at the Lake County Residential ReEntry Program (LCRRP) with the goal of reducing criminal behavior and returns to prison of female technical parole violators. LCRRP is part of the broader Community ReEntry Program which was recently brought under the umbrella of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI) revitalizing the focus on public safety and offender success by assisting offenders in their transition back to their communities. Core reentry principles provide the foundation for how the LCRRP is operated. Comprehensive and structured programming includes facilitated groups that address issues of Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Parenting, Criminal Thinking, Recreation, Employment Preparation, Finance/Budgeting, Life Skills, Family Reunification, and other programs identified to meet their needs.

Pilot project participants are sent to LCRRP when their behavior exhibits early signs of parole failure. The intervention at LCRRP provides parolees an MPRI refresher course with the purpose of reinforcing ReEntry principles, guiding them back towards parole success and resulting in a safer community. The goal of intervention is to correct behavior that may lead to new offense convictions or pending charges before the offense actually occurs.

The table shows the program has successfully reduced female technical parole violators when comparing 2007 and 2008 quarterly data. Despite a growth in female parole population, intake from both parole violators with new sentences and technical parole violators was reduced, both numerically and in rates per 1,000 female parole population.

Female Parole Population and Violator Intake by Quarter

	Parole Population		PVNS Intake		PV Tech Intake		Total PV Intake		PVNS Intake Per 1,000		PV Tech Intake Per 1,000		Total PV Intake Per 1,000	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Mar	1,645	1,693	28	22	49	25	77	47	17.0	13.0	29.8	14.8	46.8	27.8
Jun	1,669	1,740	22	25	20	22	42	47	13.2	14.4	12.0	12.6	25.2	27.0
Sep	1,732	1,768	26	16	35	12	61	28	15.0	9.0	20.2	6.8	35.2	15.8
Dec	1,715	1,850	29	25	20	16	49	41	16.9	13.5	11.7	8.6	28.6	22.2
Total	6,761	7,051	105	88	124	75	229	163	62.1	49.9	73.6	42.8	135.8	92.8