



IOWA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN

2013 Expansion Fact Sheet

Female offenders are the fastest growing offender population in Iowa currently making up 9 percent of the population with projections showing this trend to continue. The expansion increases our housing capacity with an additional 480 beds.

ICIW will become the receiving/classification center for all female offenders in Iowa. Female offenders are currently classified at Oakdale's Iowa Medical Classification Center (IMCC). IMCC currently houses up to 80 female offenders (61 as of today). ICIW will also absorb all female offenders currently housed at the Mount Pleasant Women's Unit (92 offenders as of today).

ICIW Stats

- 63% of female offenders have least one chronic mental illness.
- 48% of female offenders are seriously mentally ill.
- Currently 88% are on medications, down from 93% in June 2012.
- Currently 56% are on psych meds, down from 63% in June 2012.
- Females admitted to prison increased 191% over the last 15 years.
- 25% of female offenders are admitted on drug charges.
- 22% of female offenders are admitted on charges supporting a drug habit.
- 68% of females are non-violent offenders.
- The recidivism rate for female offenders has been reduced from 32.5% to 25.3%

New Institution Highlights

Administration Building—The public entrance to the institution allows security screening of all visitors and staff entering the institution. Administrative staff, master control operations, security offices, visiting room, training room, staff wellness area and locker rooms are located in this building. ICIW is pursuing LEED certification for the geothermal power plant located in the building. This will improve energy efficiency throughout the new buildings.

General Population Building—Includes 256 beds to house the general population offenders. The support area of this building has a triage/medication room, laundry, classrooms, offices and offender computers.

Health Services Building—Includes 48 bed orientation housing unit, two hospice beds, 36 bed assisted living unit, 10 bed medical recovery unit, 48 bed mental health unit, and 64 bed special needs unit. Also included are a fully operational health care clinic, dental and optometry areas. Currently ICIW does not have any specific housing for offenders in need of assisted living related to medical procedures, aging or permanent disabilities. Many of the services provided will alleviate the need to transport offenders to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Food Services Building—Includes two separate dining areas to improve efficiencies and allow separation of offender populations as needed. Each dining hall will accommodate 128 women at one time.

Unit 9 Treatment Expansion—Our current treatment housing unit lacks classroom spaces for the intense treatment programming. The expansion will add classroom space to benefit offenders in the drug treatment recovery programs.

Minimum Live Out—The capacity will increase from 92 to 120 beds. These are minimum custody offenders that will be released within a year or less. Some of these offenders are required by the Board of Parole to live outside the secure perimeter prior to their release in order to facilitate a gradual release.

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Distribution of Housing Beds for New Institution

Housing Unit	Existing Beds	New Beds	Total Beds
Orientation Housing		48	48
Maximum/Medium Custody	56		56
Segregation Housing	56		56
General Population		256***	256
Unit 9 Treatment	184	8	192
Minimum Live Out (MLO)	92	28	120
Acute Mental Health		16	16
Sub-Acute Mental Health		32	32
Special Needs		64	64
Infirmary		10	10
Assisted Living		36	36
Hospice		2	2
Totals	388	500	888

***General Population Housing replaces existing Units 1,2,3,4 and 5 which house a total of 350 offender beds. These units will be demolished during the fall of 2013.

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