

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Women's Facilities Steering Committee (WFSC) to advance gender-responsive principles and practices in all aspects of our work with justice-involved women who are under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC). We recognize that being gender-responsive means our policies, practices, programming and interactions will reflect the five core tenets of effective working with women by being: relational, holistic, strengths-based, trauma-informed and culturally competent. We believe that implementing gender-responsive strategies will improve offender rehabilitation and increase public safety.

Guiding Principles:

In advancing gender-responsive practices at the RIDOC, the WFSC will use a collaborative process to develop clear goals and measurable objectives. We will track on-going process via established performance measures, to include offender experiences. Further, we will hold ourselves accountable for meeting the outlined objectives and we shall expect staff and offenders to be accountable for implementation and embodiment of gender-responsive principles.

The yard at the WF1 facility.



Front entrance of the Gloria McDonald facility.

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**Rhode Island
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Corrections**

Women's Facilities Gloria McDonald Building



Carole Dwyer, Warden

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**Opened: 2010
Average Facility Population: 128 (FY-13)
Operational Facility Capacity: 213 (FY-13)
Annual Cost Per Offender: \$101,870 (FY-13)**

Gloria McDonald Facility (WF1)

The Gloria McDonald facility houses female offenders classified to medium security custody as well as those women who are awaiting trial. The building contains four housing units, a segregation unit, infirmary, kitchen and dining area, education area, chapel, laundry facilities, barber shop and administration area.



Library at the Gloria McDonald facility.



Kitchen/dining area at the Gloria McDonald facility.

Available Programs Include

Academic:

Adult Basic Education (ABE)
General Education Development (GED)
College Courses
Computer Literacy



A classroom at the WF1 building.

Vocational:

Job Preparation
Counseling
Assessment



A lounge/exercise area in a housing unit at WF1.

Treatment/Rehabilitative:

Substance Abuse Treatment
Domestic Violence Counseling
Victims of Sexual Violence Abuse, Project GROW

Discharge Planning
AIDS Education and Counseling
Lifeliners
Parenting Education
Extended Parent/Child Visits
Creative Writing Workshop
Creative Arts Program
Anchor Dry Dock



Pictured above: Memorial banner created by female offenders.

Pictured below: Sock animals made by the inmates in the Creative Arts program.

