



Serious and Violent Offender Multi-site Evaluation


SVORI Programs: Positive Impacts on Housing, Employment and Substance Abuse

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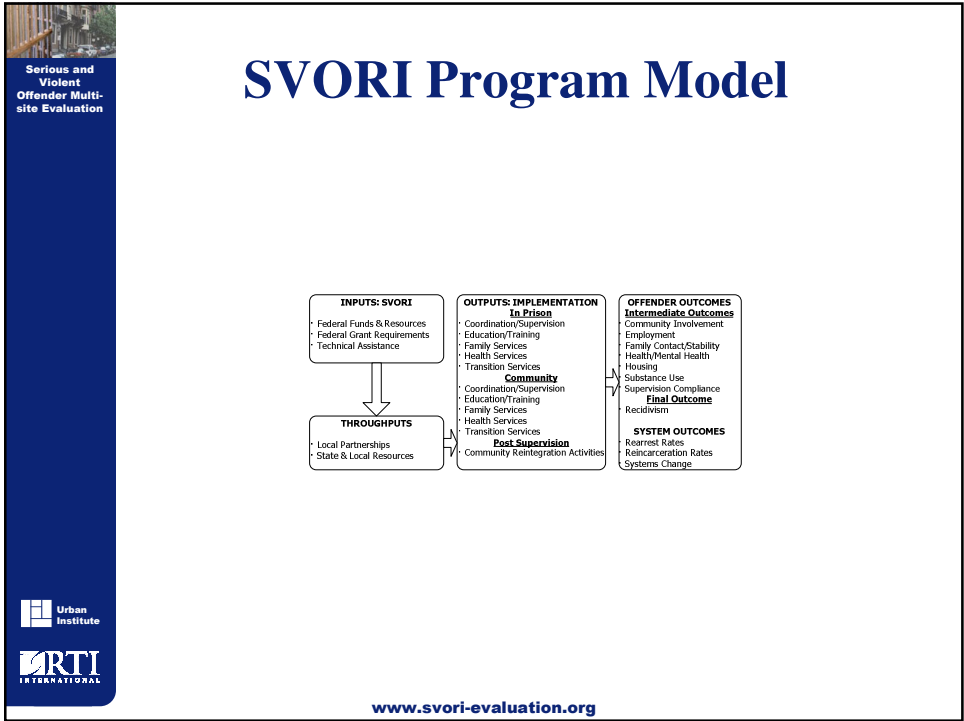
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SVORI Overview

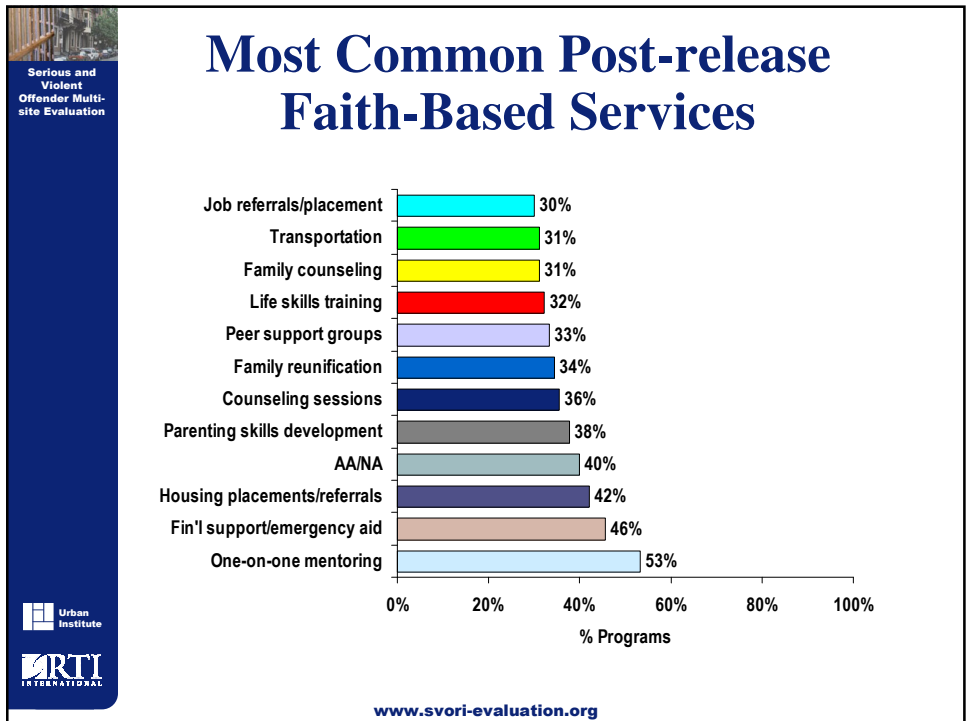
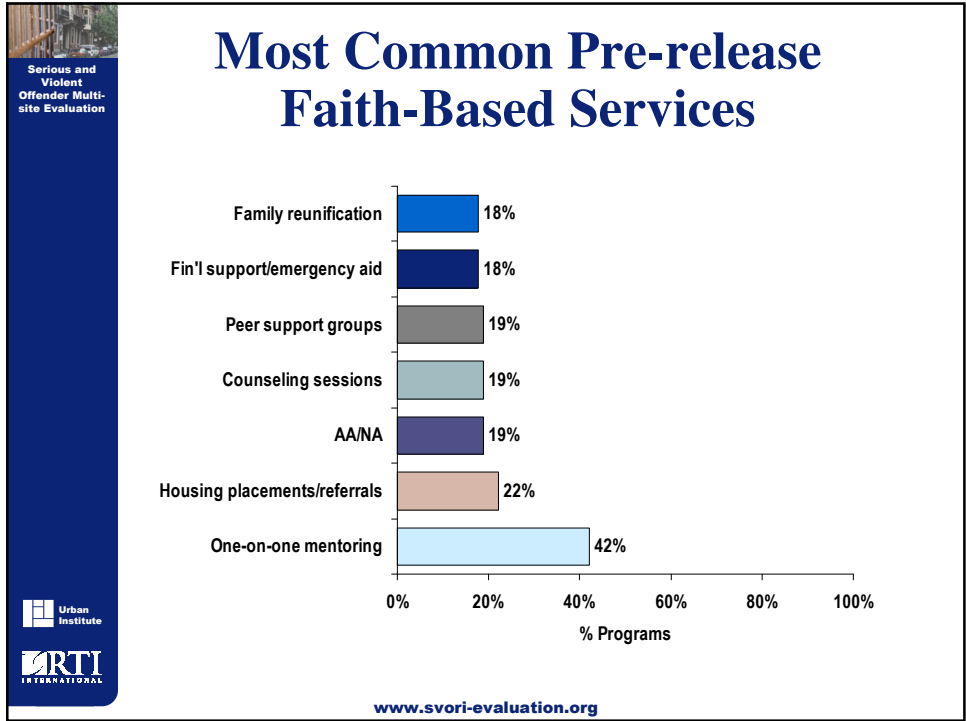
- **Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative funded agencies in 2003 to develop programs to improve criminal justice, employment, education, health, & housing outcomes for released prisoners**
- **69 agencies received federal funds (\$500,000 - \$2,000,000 over 3 years) to develop 89 programs that**
 - **Targeted adult & juvenile populations**
 - **Incorporated partnerships among state & local agencies to provide comprehensive services to prisoners returning home**
 - **Were locally designed to meet local needs and organizational capabilities**

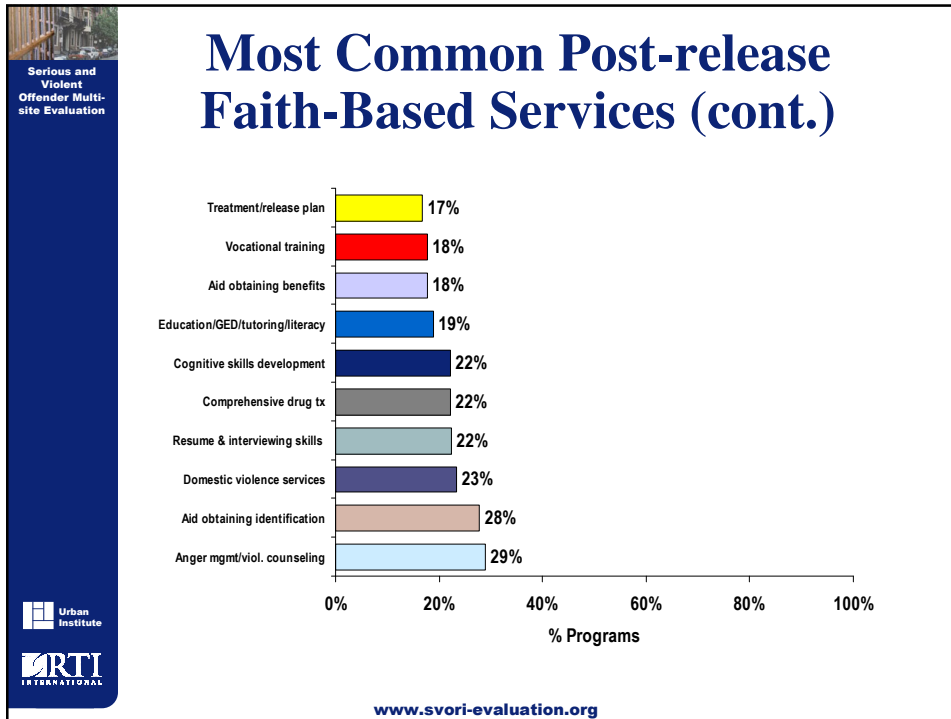
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- # SVORI Programs
- SVORI Program Directors reported in 2005
 - SVORI participants were provided a wide range of services
 - Assessment, reentry planning, coordination services & post-release supervision were among those most likely to be provided
 - Services provided to SVORI program participants greatly exceeded (in most domains) those provided to comparable individuals who were not in SVORI programs
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- ## Impact Evaluation
- Four waves of interviews with more than 2,500 adult & juvenile offenders in 14 states (drug testing at 3 & 15 months) were completed in May 2007
 - Numerous potential outcomes including
 - Self Sufficiency & Quality of Life: Employment, Housing, Family (including contacts, stability & child custody/support), Community Involvement
 - Health: Substance Use (sobriety & relapse prevention), Physical Health, Mental Health
 - Reduced Criminality: Supervision Compliance, Reoffending, Rearrest, Reconviction, Reincarceration
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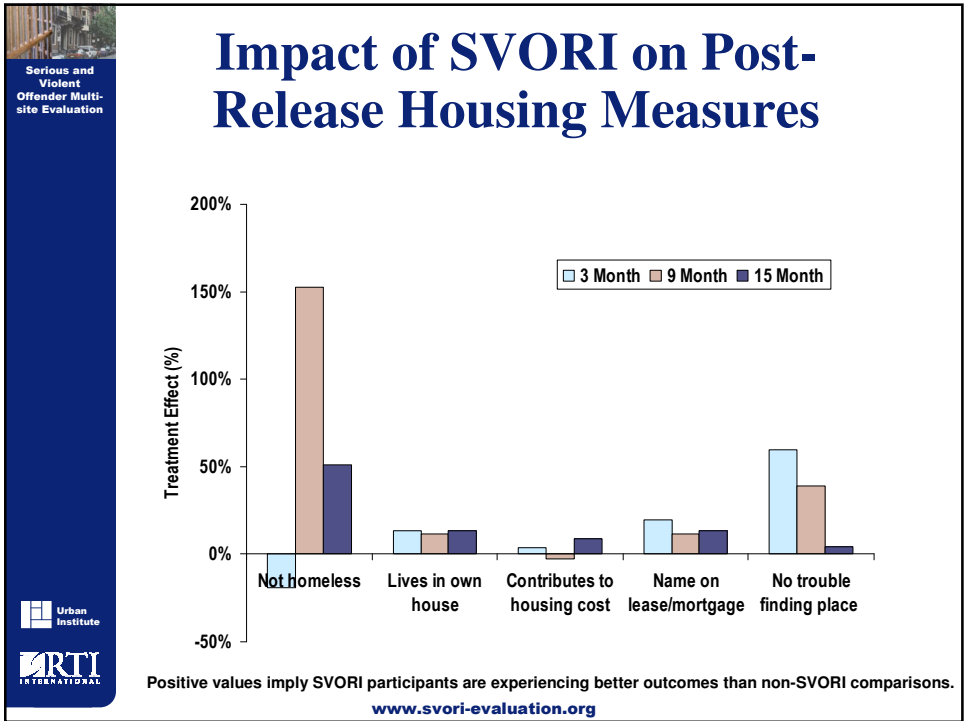
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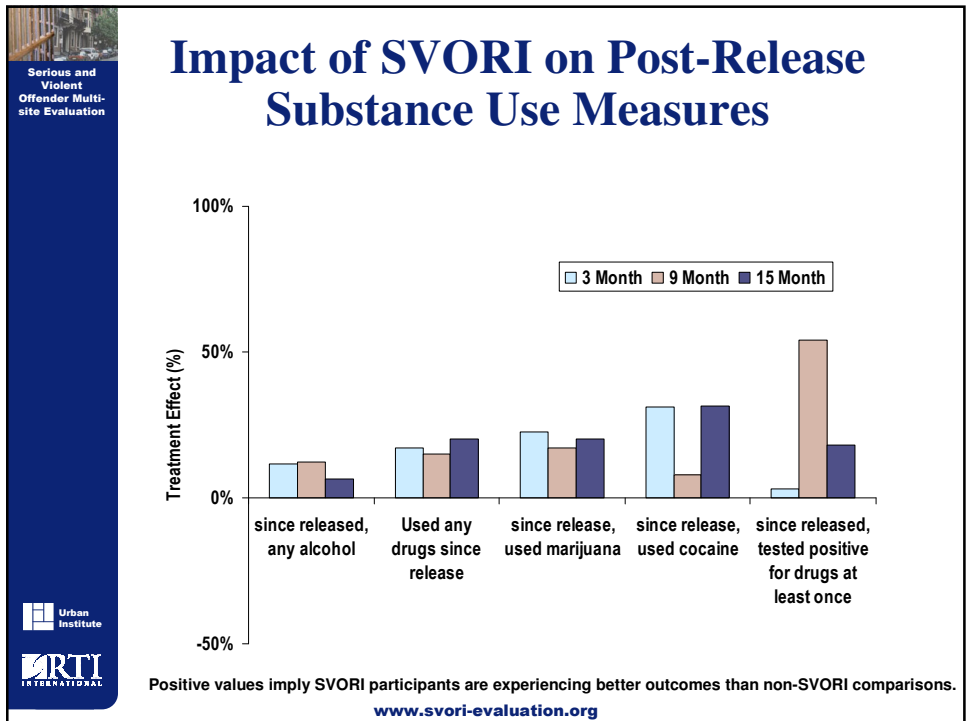
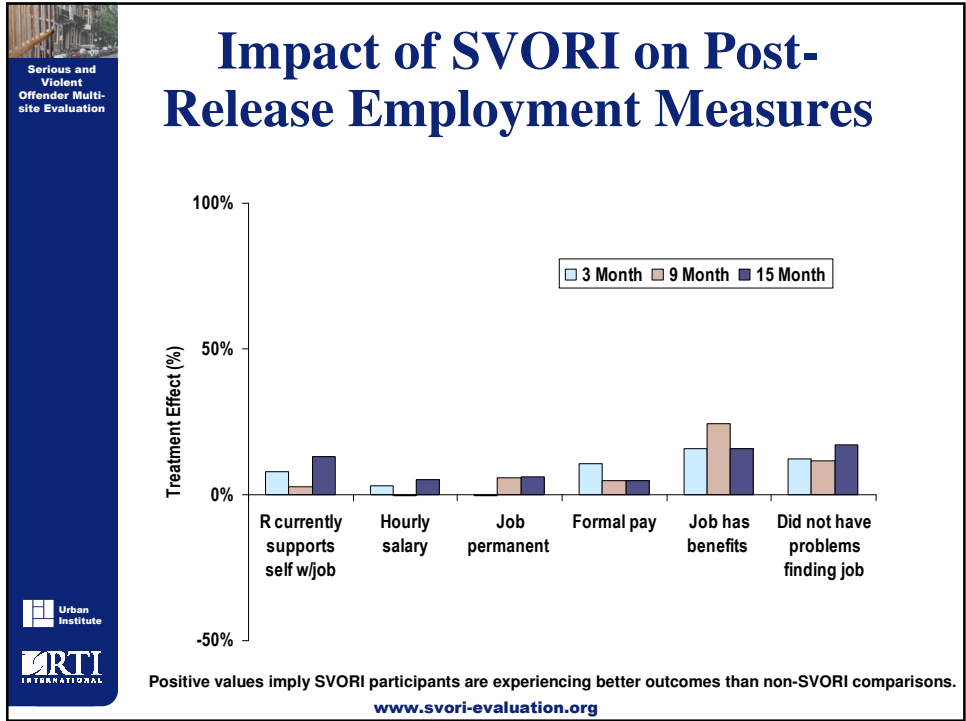



Taking a Look: Adult Males 15 M Post Release

- About 3% homeless; about 1/3rd report living in own place
- In contrast to baseline findings (re: pre-incarceration), few reported currently living with people using AOD or who have committed illegal acts
- SVORI subjects more likely than non-SVORI to respond positively to questions about reentry programming
- Nearly 3/4's have worked since release



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Taking a Broader View

- We have more than 100 potential outcome measures at the individual level
 - Community involvement
 - Employment
 - Family Contact/Stability
 - Health/Mental Health
 - Housing
 - Recidivism
 - Substance Use
 - Supervision Compliance

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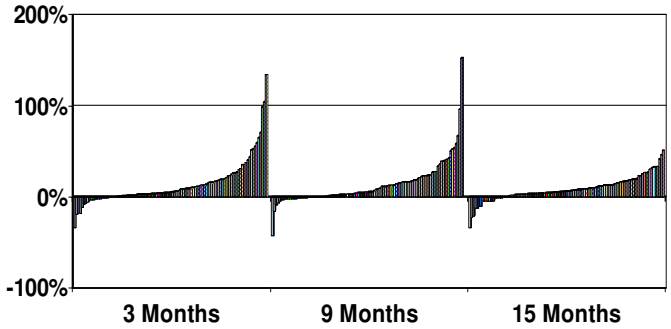


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100+ Treatment Effects

Percentage Differences in Outcomes
(Positive means SVORI better)



3 Months 9 Months 15 Months

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Conclusions

- **SVORI: Ambitious effort to improve integrated, individually targeted services through DOC coordination of state & community agencies & organizations**
- **Within a year, most programs were able to greatly increase the level of services provided to offenders pre and post release—but levels were far less than 100%, particularly post release**
- **From release up through 15 months post release, SVORI participants are doing better—if only moderately so—across a wide range of outcomes**

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