

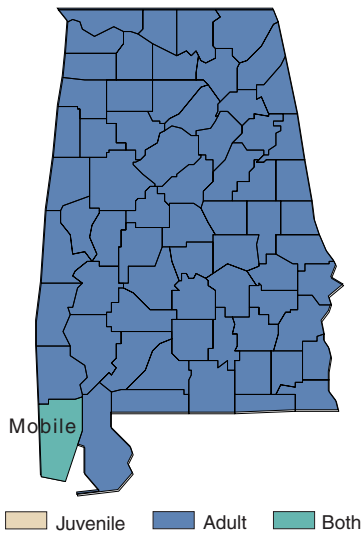
# ALABAMA

## SVORI Grantees in Alabama

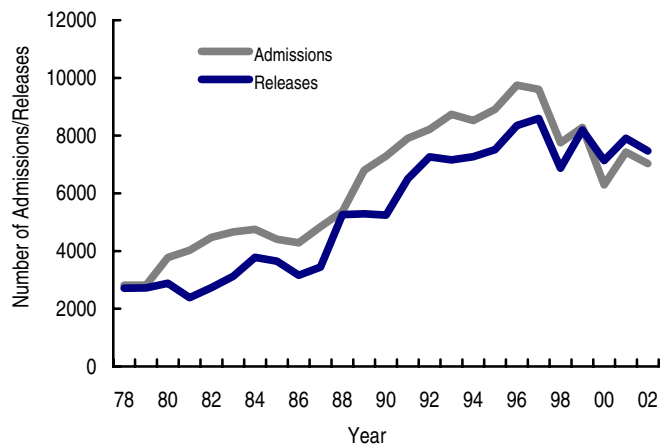
- Alabama Department of Youth Services (AL DYS)
- Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (AL DECA)

Alabama has two SVORI grantees: one focused on juveniles returning to Mobile County (depicted in the map below) and one focused on female adults returning statewide. The juvenile program targets those returning to Mobile County because that community has developed an array of local alternative sentencing options and therefore sends only the most serious and chronic offenders to DYS; these offenders later return to the community with no aftercare. Females are targeted in the adult program because of a recent significant increase in the number of female serious and violent offenders and because of the consequences for families of offenders with dependent children. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Alabama over a 24-year period.

Alabama SVORI Target Areas



Alabama Adult Prison Admissions and Releases, 1978–2002



Source: Correctional Populations in the U.S. (BJS, 2002) and Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2002 and 2003 (Harrison and Karberg, 2004)

## SVORI Grantee: Alabama Department of Youth Services

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Monthly reports and Alabama Administrative Office of Courts Information System
Local evaluation planned	No
Program name	Going Home to Mobile

AL DYS

Going Home to Mobile

### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	101–150
Inclusion criteria	Repeat offenders
Exclusion criteria	Severely mentally ill
Pre-release facilities	Males exiting AL DYS Mt. Meigs facility and females exiting AL DYS Chalkville facility
Post-release locations	Mobile County
Participation	Mandatory
Legal release status	All participants are under community supervision

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	A reentry coalition or task force meets to set guidelines for supervision of offenders returning to the community
Post-release reentry authority	Mobile County Juvenile Court
Number of phases	3

**Phase 1: In-Facility: Prepare Youth Offender for Reentry**

**Duration:** 4–6 months

**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessments Y-LSI, the POSIT, Career Scope, and Magellan Vocational Assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management with a focus on matching future youth offender needs and current family needs with community resources
- Treatment plan development
- Individualized Reentry Plan development
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, faith-based services, individual counseling, and trauma counseling

**Coordination of services:**

- Institutional Case Manager

**Phase 2: Structured Transition**

**Duration:** 1–3 months

**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Reentry plan is completed
- Participant is given a pass/furlough home to meet with formal and informal support
- Networks identified in the Individualized Reentry Plan
- In addition to services begun in Phase 1, services that become available in this phase include mentoring, employment opportunities with identified church members, tutoring, youth group activities, counseling provided by church Youth Development staff, and mainstream participation in a variety of church-sponsored youth activities

**Coordination of services:**

- Mobile-based Reentry Case Manager

**Phase 3: Community Reentry**

**Duration:** 7–9 months

**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management with a focus on reinforcing targeted areas designed to increase chances for successful integration
- Revision of treatment plan and reentry plan
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management classes, faith-based services, and after school programming

**Coordination of services:**

- Mobile-based Reentry Case Manager

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- Providing a more comprehensive range of services to youth returning to Mobile County

## SVORI Grantee: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Will be relying on the AL DOC to provide lists of offenders who meet participation criteria
Local evaluation planned	No
Program name	Adult Females

AL DECA	Adult Females
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### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	151–200
Inclusion criteria	Repeat offenders; those who have committed violent offenses other than Murder 1, Part 1 violent offenses, or Class A felonies
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders
Pre-release facilities	Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women
Post-release locations	Statewide
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Participants are under parole/probation

### PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Unknown
Post-release reentry authority	With judicial approval, some will be released through Community Corrections (ADOC) and others will be released through an independent parole board
Number of phases	4

#### *Phase 1: Assessment and Planning*

**Duration:** Unknown

**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Development and periodic review and revision of the reentry plan
- Case management and formation of a transition team

**Coordination of services:**

- University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime’s (UAB TASC) case manager with assistance from the transition team

#### *Phase 2: Institutionally Based Program*

**Duration:** Unknown

**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Ongoing review and revision of reentry plan
- Ongoing case management by transition team led by the case manager
- Reunification of participants with their children through monthly visitation and Story Book project (mother is taped reading a story for her children—tape and story book are mailed to the child)
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, education, employment skills/vocational training, job fairs, parenting skills classes, life skills training, faith-based services, mentoring, and domestic violence support groups

**Coordination of services:**

- UAB TASC’s case manager with assistance from transition team

**Phase 3: Community-Based Transition Program****Duration:** 1 year minimum**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Ongoing case management, including intensive supervision and highly structured activities; supervision will include random drug and alcohol testing, day reporting, employment verification, sanctions, and incentives for compliance
- Restitution and community service program
- Continuation of services provided in Phase 2
- New services available in Phase 3 include transitional housing, transportation assistance, HIV/AIDS education and counseling, access to medical care, assistance in obtaining benefits, and support (e.g., SSI, SSDI, TANF, Medicaid, Medicare)

**Coordination of services:**

- UAB TASC's case manager with assistance from the transition team

**Phase 4: Community-Based Long-Term Support****Duration:** Unknown**Assessments:** Unknown**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Aftercare treatment groups
- Continuation of mentor relationships
- Continuation of faith-based services
- Continuation of assistance in accessing benefits and support (e.g., SSI and TANF)

**Coordination of services:**

- Aletheia House

**CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING****System-level changes**

- Conducting a comprehensive needs assessment from which a reentry plan is developed
- Assignment of a dedicated staff person whose job is to open channels of communication and collaboration between agencies and facilitate services for offenders post-release
- Involvement of community resource providers in the transition process with regular feedback about how things are going
- Formation of a transition team to supervise and guide the transition process
- Development of a core curriculum required for participants

**Individual-level changes**

- Inclusion of the offender and the victim in reentry planning
- Opportunity to meet with community resource providers before leaving the institution
- Increased supervision and post-release incentives for compliance
- Long-term post-release support and assistance after the offender is no longer under supervision