

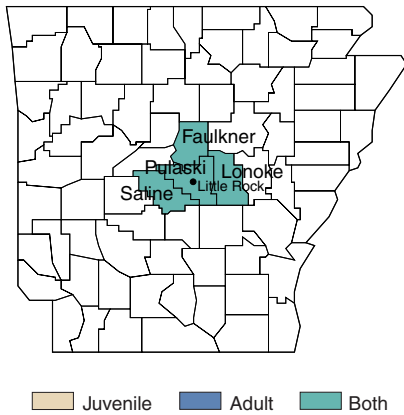
# ARKANSAS

## SVORI Grantees in Arkansas

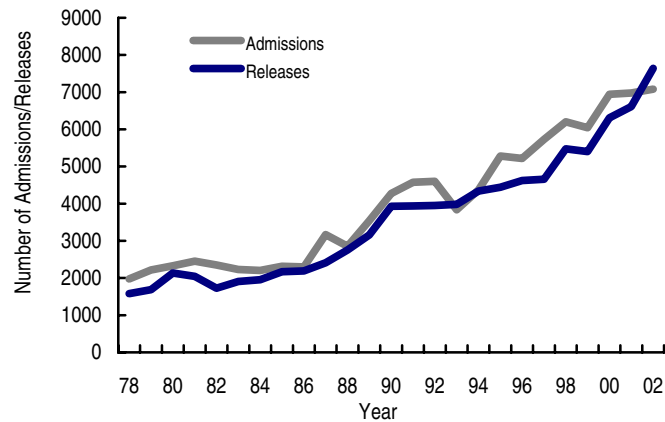
- Arkansas Department of Community Correction (AR DCC)

Arkansas has one SVORI grantee with two administratively distinct reentry programs: one is focused on adults and one is focused on juveniles. Both programs target individuals returning to Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, and Saline counties (depicted in the map below). In the adult program, the grantee has targeted serious and violent offenders in their maximum security or administrative segregation units, who are not eligible for other pre-release programs due to their security status. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Arkansas over a 24-year period.

Arkansas SVORI Target Areas



Arkansas 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: Arkansas Department of Community Correction

<b>SVORI website</b>	None
<b>Data management system</b>	SVORI-specific MIS
<b>Local evaluation planned</b>	For the juvenile program, an existing staff analyst will conduct an internal evaluation. The adult program is collecting performance measures and has plans to hire an independent evaluator.
<b>Program names</b>	Arkansas Adult Arkansas Juvenile

### AR DCC: PROGRAM 1

### Arkansas Adult

#### TARGET POPULATION

<b>Population type</b>	Male and female adults and youthful offenders adjudicated as adults
<b>Number of targeted prisoners</b>	101–150
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Persons who have recidivated, committed violent offenses, a history of criminality such as substance abuse, and classified through assessment as serious and violent offenders
<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	None
<b>Pre-release facilities</b>	Selected State prisons
<b>Post-release locations</b>	Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, and Saline counties
<b>Participation</b>	Voluntary
<b>Legal release status</b>	All offenders are under community supervision and parole

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

<b>Steering committee</b>	Both an Executive Committee (with membership from DCC, ADC, and DYS) and a Steering Committee (with membership from police, institutional staff, educators, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and faith-based service providers) are in place
<b>Post-release reentry authority</b>	Independent Parole Board
<b>Number of phases</b>	2

**Phase 1: Institutional Programs****Duration:** 2–6 months**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessment, psychological evaluation, PII, Beta, WRAT-3, and LSI-R**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Development of a written reentry plan with the involvement of the offender
- Program to match the needs of the offender with community resources, including the offender writing letters to providers and resource managers and accepting the expectations and consequences of his/her release
- Group meetings to work on socialization and control
- Classes to recognize thought distortion and errors in thinking
- Pre-release curriculum focusing on anger management and social control, life skills training, substance abuse recovery, relapse prevention, mental health services, housing assistance, and job skills development
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, medical services, dental services, education, parenting skills training, and faith-based services

**Coordination of services:**

- Case management transition team

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition****Duration:** 6–12 months**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment, job aptitude assessment**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Ongoing development of the written reentry plan with the involvement of the SVORI participant
- Case management through a highly structured program that utilizes supervision, sanctions, and services coordinated through a central location in order to provide structured transition for SVORI participants
- Aid in addressing reentry needs including Social Security Disability Insurance; clothing; food stamps; other social needs addressed through TEA, TANF, Welfare to Work Programs; medical and dental plans; and housing
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, anger management and social control, life skills training, substance abuse recovery, relapse prevention, mental health services, job skills development/training, education, parenting skills training, and faith-based services

**Coordination of services:**

- Case management transition team
- Private and nonprofit community-based provider has a Professional Services Contract with DCC

## CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- Provision of reentry services to serious and violent offenders (no services available to this population before SVORI)
- Use of a transition team to manage the reentry process
- Needs assessments conducted and updated as a tool for developing and revising a written reentry plan

**Individual-level changes**

- Increased services available to participants, such as housing assistance
- More intensive supervision in the post-release phase so that needs are identified and addressed more quickly
- Inclusion of the family and the SVORI participant in the development of the reentry plan

## TARGET POPULATION

<b>Population type</b>	Male and female juveniles
<b>Number of targeted prisoners</b>	51–100
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Ages 14–21, committed serious or violent crimes (A or Y class), multiple recidivists, and/or those at high risk for re-offending
<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	None
<b>Pre-release facilities</b>	All State juvenile facilities
<b>Post-release locations</b>	Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, and Saline counties
<b>Participation</b>	Mandatory
<b>Legal release status</b>	Participants are in pre-release programs and under community supervision

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<b>Steering committee</b>	Both an Executive Committee (with membership from AR DCC, ADC, and DYS) and a Steering Committee (with membership from police, institutional staff, educators, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and faith-based service providers) are in place.
<b>Post-release reentry authority</b>	Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services
<b>Number of phases</b>	2

*Phase 1: Institutional Programs*

**Duration:** 4–6 months

**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessment, WISC-III, WRAT-3, Bender Gestalt Drawings, MMPI-A, The Jesness Inventory, CPS, BDI-II, House-Tree-Person Drawings, Incomplete Sentences Blank, The Hand Test, and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Department of Criminology Security Risk Assessment Tool

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Ongoing development of a written reentry plan with the involvement of the SVORI participant
- Case management through a highly structured program that utilizes supervision, sanctions, and services coordinated through a central location in order to provide structured transition for SVORI participants
- Mentoring program
- Aid in addressing reentry needs including Social Security Disability Insurance; clothing; food stamps; other social needs addressed through TEA, TANF, Welfare to Work Programs; medical and dental plans; and housing
- Continuation of post-release services through community resources that focus on anger management and social control, life skills training, substance abuse recovery, relapse prevention, job skills development/training, education, parenting skills training, and faith-based services

**Coordination of services:**

- Case management transition team

*Phase 2: Community-Based Transition*

**Duration:** 6–24 months (or longer if needed)

**Assessments:** Ongoing risk and needs assessment, job aptitude assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

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