

DELAWARE

SVORI Grantees in Delaware

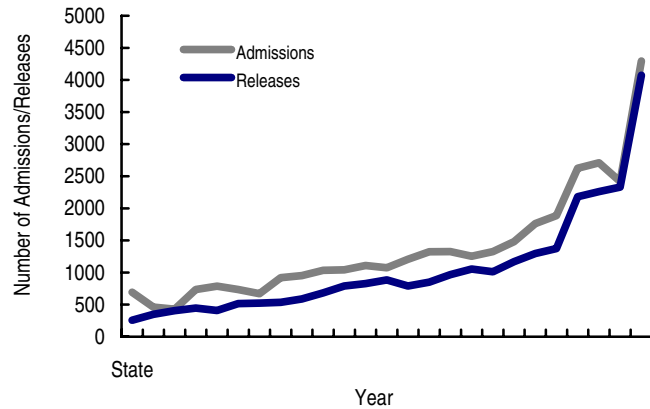
- Delaware Health and Social Services/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DE SAMH)

Delaware has one SVORI grantee focused on adults returning to New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties (depicted in the map below). The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Delaware over a 24-year period.

Delaware SVORI Target Areas



Delaware 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: Delaware Health and Social Services/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)
Local evaluation planned	The Delaware Statistical Analysis Center will conduct a local evaluation
Program name	Delaware Offender Reentry Project

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Delaware Offender Reentry Project

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	None
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons
Post-release locations	New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All participants are under supervised probation

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Formal Reentry Steering Committee
Post-release reentry authority	Superior Court Reentry Court and DOC
Number of phases	3

Phase I

Duration: 12 months

Assessments: Substance abuse, mental health, risk-to-the-community, and employment/training

Components/services offered within phase:

- Development of case management
- Drug testing through urinalysis
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment (AA/NA), mental health counseling, medical services, housing assistance, and educational training

Coordination of services:

- Prisoner counselor and a public defender who acts as case advocate

Phase II

Duration: 12 months

Assessments: Substance abuse, mental health, and employment/training

Components/services offered within phase:

- Increased involvement between members of participants' families; returning offender is included
- Victims' rights recognition
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, education, job skills and employment services, transitional housing assistance, and avoidance of criminal behavior triggers

Coordination of services:

- Case manager

Phase III

Duration: Ongoing and can continue until participant is stabilized

Assessments: Substance abuse, mental health, and employment training

Components/services offered within phase:

- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, education, job skills and employment services, transitional housing assistance, and avoidance of criminal behavior triggers

Coordination of services:

- Case manager

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Integrated case management where representatives from multiple community service providers and/or corrections agencies meet to discuss and work on particular cases
- Case manager from a community-based organization who brokers services from appropriate agencies
- Partnerships created with community service providers, which will open channels of communication and collaboration among agencies and facilitate services for offenders
- Joint mission statements with other agencies around reentry
- Reentry coalition or task force for agencies that meets to set guidelines for supervision of offenders returning to the community
- Regular feedback mechanisms among agencies to ensure that the collaboration is working
- Agencies sharing protocols regarding how service provision is approached

Individual-level changes

- Development of reentry plan prior to release that is tailored to the individual risk and/or needs of the offender
- Offender as an active participant in the creation of a reentry plan prior to release
- Use of a transition team that includes staff from within the institution and community agencies that will work with offender post-release
- Community service providers coming into the institution to meet the offender
- Needs assessment updated prior to release specifically for release planning