

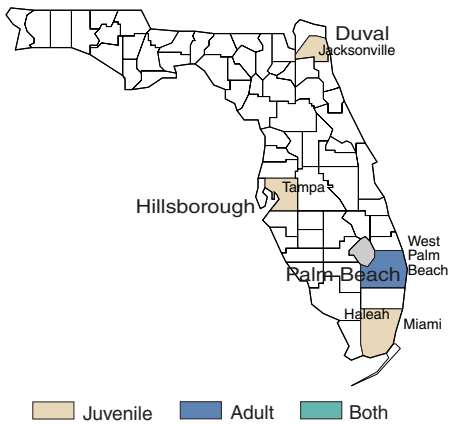
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SVORI Grantees in Florida

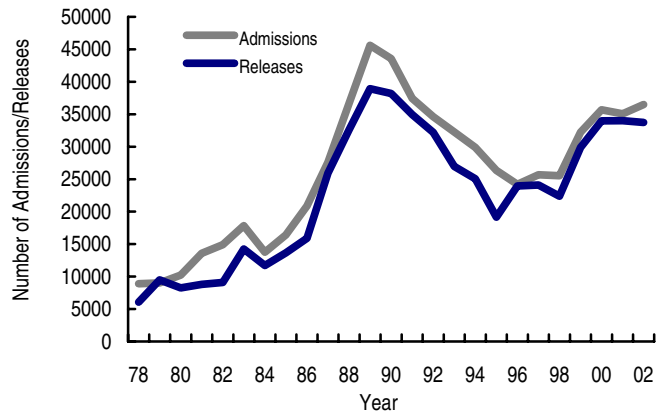
- Florida Department of Corrections (FL DOC)
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FL DJJ)

Florida has two SVORI grantees: one focused on adults returning to Palm Beach County and one focused on juveniles returning to Duval, Miami-Dade, and Hillsborough counties (depicted in the map below). The juvenile grantee is using SVORI funds to enhance an existing reentry program. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Florida over a 24-year period.

Florida SVORI Target Areas



Florida 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: Florida Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Suncom, Correctional Data Center (CDC)
Local evaluation planned	Draft evaluation plans underway
Program name	Serious and Violent Reentry Initiative

FL DOC

Serious and Violent Reentry Initiative

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100
Inclusion criteria	Sex offenses and other violent offenses
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Selected State prisons
Post-release locations	Palm Beach County
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Most offenders are released under probation supervision

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Coalition
Post-release reentry authority	FDC/Probation and Parole Department, Circuit 15
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Protect and Prepare

Duration: Up to 1 year

Assessments: Comprehensive vocational and substance abuse assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- Transition planning team is formed and consists of mental health counselors, substance abuse counselors, victim advocate, mentors, probation officer, Transitional Assistance Specialist (TAS), case managers, and a classification officer. The transition team works with offender throughout all phases.
- Treatment and release plans are tailored to the individual needs of the prisoner
- Prisoners, family members, and victims are all involved in the development of the reentry plan
- The TAS is responsible for case management
- Video-conference tool is available to bring in family members to document what problems are going on within the family
- Family unification counseling is provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, financial assistance for housing needs, life skills training, faith-based services, and anger management

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

Phase 2: Control and Restore

Duration: Up to 1 year

Assessments: No specific assessments used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Victim’s Rights Organization involved in recommendations for community service
- Victim restitution counseling included
- Palm Beach County Jobs Partnership organizes community service
- Transitional housing provided
- A faith-based organization brings together local churches and other religious organizations
- Mentoring program established
- Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking system implemented

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

Phase 3: Responsibility and Productivity

Duration: Remainder of supervision term

Assessments: No specific assessments used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Ongoing involvement of family members
- Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board one-stop center
- Probationer’s Educational Growth Program support program
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment (AA/NA), mental health counseling, medical and dental services, financial assistance for housing needs, life skills training, faith-based services, anger management, and educational placement (GED)

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Use of video-conferencing while offender is incarcerated to meet with community service providers or family
- Community service providers come into the institution to meet with offenders
- Integrated case management where representatives from multiple community service providers and/or corrections/supervision agencies meet to discuss and work on particular cases
- Case manager from a community-based organization who brokers services from appropriate agencies for offenders post-release
- Staff person who creates partnerships with community service providers in an effort to open channels of communication and collaboration among agencies, and facilitate services for offenders post-release
- Regular feedback mechanism among agencies to ensure that the collaboration is working

Individual-level changes

- Reentry planning prior to release tailored to the individual
- Inclusion of victims and family members during reentry planning
- Mentor assigned from prisoner’s home community
- Preparation of the community for the prisoner’s return
- Prisoner-specific teams
- Continuum of post-supervision activities

SVORI Grantee: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Automated information system
Local evaluation planned	No available funds
Program name	Going Home

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female youthful offenders
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Seriously delinquent youth with at least one adjudication for a violent felony with other risk factors for recidivism identified on the extensively validated YSL/CMI assessment instrument
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Selected State Juvenile Corrections Community Programs
Post-release locations	Duval, Miami-Dade, and Hillsborough counties
Participation	Mandatory
Legal release status	All participants are under Conditional Release (CR)

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Reentry Coalition
Post-release reentry authority	FL DJJ
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Protect and Prepare

Duration: 60 days (180 days for sex offenders)

Assessments: YSL/CMI

Components/services offered within phase:

- A transition team that includes Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO), the CR provider, and the juvenile and his/her family is formed; the transition team works with offender through all phases
- Victim impact curriculum is used and victims are included during reentry planning
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, medical and dental services, mental health counseling, educational and vocational training, behavior management, housing assistance, and life skills training

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

Phase 2: Control and Restore

Duration: 60–90 days

Assessments: No specific assessments used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Coordination of transportation services
- Home visitations
- Family crises intervention

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

Phase 3: Responsibility and Productivity

Duration: 12 months

Assessments: No specific assessments used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Offender continues to receive targeted reentry services available in Phase 2

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Use of YLS/CMI for assessment tool
- Development of mission statements with other agencies around reentry
- Use of a reentry coalition or task force of agencies who meet to set guidance for supervision
- Use of regular feedback mechanisms among agencies to ensure that the collaboration is working
- Sharing of agency protocols regarding how service provision is approached

Individual-level changes

- Enhancement of reentry programming and services available to juvenile offenders