

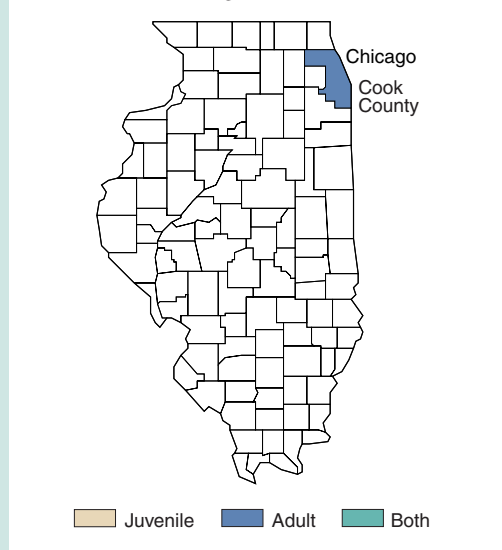
# ILLINOIS

## SVORI Grantees in Illinois

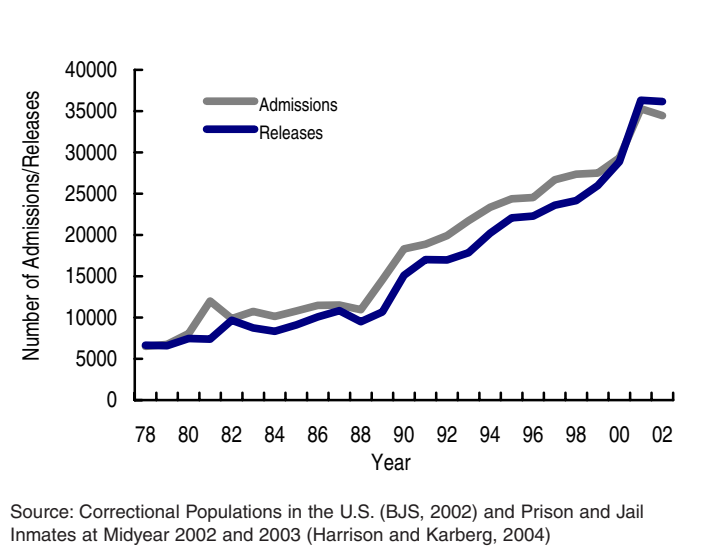
- Illinois Department of Corrections (IL DOC)

Illinois has one SVORI grantee focused on adults and juveniles returning to Chicago (Cook County) with a concentration in the North Lawndale and West Garfield communities, depicted in the map below. The grantee targeted these communities because of the high percentage of ex-offenders who return there. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Illinois over a 24-year period.

Illinois SVORI Target Areas



Illinois 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: Illinois Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Criminal Justice Information Authority (CJIA)
Local evaluation planned	Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy—University of Chicago
Program name	Illinois Going Home

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Illinois Going Home

### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male adults and juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	151–200 adults and juveniles
Inclusion criteria	Violent tendencies and/or a high risk of recidivism
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons, especially West Side Adult Transition Center
Post-release locations	City of Chicago (Cook County), including the communities of North Lawndale and West Garfield
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Over 90% are on mandatory supervised parole for 1–2 years

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Reentry Steering Committee
Post-release reentry authority	Illinois Department of Corrections and Prisoner Review Board
Number of phases	3

**Phase I****Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Adults: Vocation assessment, substance abuse screening (TCU drug screen), MCMI (an adult personality test), and GAMA (a nonverbal, self-administered intelligence test). Juveniles: MMPI (assesses psychopathology and identifies social and behavioral problems); and “socrates” (assesses both adult and juvenile client motivation)

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Transition team formed; Includes IL DOC parole officers, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), and North Lawndale Employment Network staff.
- Begin assistance with family reunification, including re-establishing relations with adults and children
- Initial reentry plan developed by Field Service Representative (an employee of a given correctional center/prison) and refined by transition team
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse and mental health counseling, employment needs, and living skills

**Coordination of services:**

- Case manager and transition team

**Phase II****Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Security and supervision assessment, substance abuse and mental health assessment, living skills and support services assessment, pre-employment and employment skills assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Continue assistance with family reunification, including re-establishing relations with adults and children
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse and mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment and living skills, housing assistance, and anger management

**Coordination of services:**

- Case manager and transition team

**Phase III****Duration:** Up to 12 months**Assessments:** Reassessment of reentry plan**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Ongoing family involvement with reentry plan
- Fidelity bond coverage is offered up to \$10,000 for up to 6 months for participants who are not commercially bondable because they are ex-offenders and have a firm job offer of full-time work lasting 6 months or longer
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse and mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment and living skills, housing assistance, and anger management
- Individual Development Account (IDA) that matches participants’ savings 2 to 1 up to \$6,000 for post-secondary education or home purchase

**Coordination of services:**

- Case manager

## CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

## System-level changes

- For the first time, IL DOC has the flexibility to temporarily detain parolees without revoking their parole and returning the parolees to prison. IL DOC will hold a parolee for 3–12 weeks in a “halfway back” facility for technical violations of parole.
- Case manager keeps the entire transition team briefed about the progress of program participant and will meet with team members when changes to a participant’s reentry plan are needed
- Faith-based community group provides continual assistance
- Use of minimum-security Adult Transition Center (ATC) located in the N. Lawndale community as a Phase I base for pre-release delivery of services (previously this center was used only for work release)
- Use of video-conferencing while the offender is in prison to meet with community service providers and family when participants cannot be transferred to west side ATC for security reasons
- Agencies have regular feedback mechanism to ensure that the collaboration is working

## Individual-level changes

- Offender is active participant in the creation of the reentry plan
- Family members are involved in reentry planning
- Individualized case management for each participant through all three program phases
- Transition team works with participant throughout all phases
- Graduates of Going Home program will become mentors to other participants