

## SVORI Grantees in Indiana

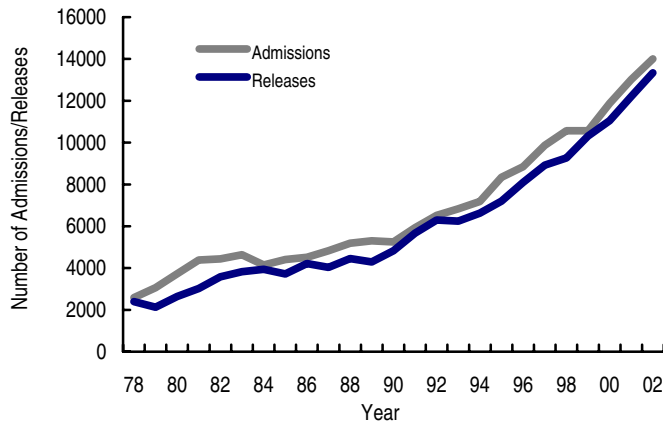
- Indiana Department of Corrections (IN DOC)

Indiana has one SVORI grantee with four administratively separate programs: one focused on adults returning to Allen County, one focused on juveniles returning to Allen County, one focused on adults returning to Marion County, and one focused on juveniles returning to Marion County (depicted in the map below). The adult program in Allen County was already very well established, and therefore the SVORI money distributed to it was more limited and helped expand existing program efforts. The Marion County programs concentrate efforts in several Weed and Seed communities. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Indiana over a 24-year period.

Indiana SVORI Target Areas



Indiana 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: Indiana Department of Corrections

**SVORI website** <http://www.ChoicesTeam.org/>—(Marion County)

<http://www.allencounty Corrections.com/>—(Allen County Adult)

### Data management system

The Allen County adult program has access to the SPILLMAN (local law enforcement database), IDACS (arrest information), NCIC (National Crime Information Center), and the local court system (tracks conviction and sentencing information). The local evaluation team for the adult program has a database tracking Reentry Court participants. The juvenile program in Allen County uses the Quest Case Management system and has the ability to flag SVORI participants through this system. In Marion County, both the adult and juvenile programs use The Clinical Manager (TCM), a clinical and fiscal management software program that has been tailored to meet the unique needs of this program.

### Local evaluation planned

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute will include the adult program in Allen County in its existing Reentry Court local evaluation; it may also include the juvenile program in Allen County. The Hudson Institute is conducting the local evaluation for the Marion County juvenile program. For the Marion County adult program, the Director of Outcomes and Evaluation from Choices, Inc. is coordinating the evaluation and will be assisted by IN DOC's Director of Planning and IN DOC's Director of Religious Services and Community Involvement.

### Program names

- Allen County Adult Program
- Allen County Juvenile Program
- Marion County Adult Program
- Marion County Juvenile Program

## TARGET POPULATION

<b>Population type</b>	Male and female adults
<b>Number of targeted prisoners</b>	201+
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Those convicted of a Class D felony or above, returning to Allen County, and eligible for early release under transition statute (no change in credit time within 45 days of release, resident of Indiana, agreement from sentencing courts, no murder offenses, and serving at least a 2-year sentence)
<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	Those with serious mental health problems (either refusing to take medications or taking injectable psychotropic medications), severe physical handicaps that preclude electronic monitoring (e.g., deaf mutes), or two or more Reentry Court failures
<b>Pre-release facilities</b>	All State prisons
<b>Post-release locations</b>	Allen County
<b>Participation</b>	Voluntary agreement to participate; mandatory once they are involved with the Reentry Court
<b>Legal release status</b>	All are released early to Allen County Community Corrections

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

<b>Steering committee</b>	Advisory Board
<b>Post-release reentry authority</b>	Allen County Superior Court implemented by Allen County Community Corrections
<b>Number of phases</b>	2

**Phase 1: Initial Release**

**Duration:** 5 weeks

**Assessments:** The forensic assessment includes an educational intelligence test (Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test), a personality assessment (MMPI-II/PAI), a clinical interview with a mental health therapist, and an assessment for psychopathy (Hare PCL-R) and risk assessments.

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Reentry Court operating; all participants receive electronic monitoring
- Offender meets with the Reentry Court within the first week of release
- Reintegration plan developed
- Participants oriented to the program
- Team-integrated case management provided
- Transition team formed

**Coordination of services:**

- Allen County Community Corrections and Reentry Court

**Phase 2: Post-release**

**Duration:** 5–52 weeks

**Assessments:** No specific assessments are used in this phase

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Reintegration plan imposed by the Reentry Court Judge
- Offenders pay to participate in the post-release programming through cash or community service
- Allen County Community Corrections provides team-integrated case management and the majority of post-release services
- Reentry Court responsible for providing oversight, graduated sanctions, and rewards
- Programming offered through Allen County Community Corrections includes cooperative learning GED classes and other educational programs through local post-secondary institutions; life skills training; cognitive skill development; sex offender treatment; crisis intervention; substance abuse programs; mentoring and victim/offender conferencing; family counseling; victim awareness; a 2 week intensive Offender Employment Academy and a transitional job program

**Coordination of services:**

- Allen County Community Corrections and Reentry Court

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Allen County Community Corrections able to work more closely with IN DOC
- Purchased more electronic monitoring systems
- Provided assistance to a local halfway house called Wings of Hope, where many of the female participants are housed after release
- Expanded the geographical parameters of the program from the southeast quadrant of Fort Wayne to all of Allen County
- Hired a Job Developer to seek out jobs in the community for participants and to sit in on team case management meetings
- Mentally ill offenders received expedited appointments with psychiatrists, the establishment of a medication management system, enrollment in counseling/treatment, and stabilized housing. Offenders in need of services received specialized case management services within one to two days of release from prison and can rely on appointments with a psychiatrist within one to two weeks of release.

Individual-level changes

- Increased ability to provide job counseling services to specific offenders as a result of the new Job Developer position
- Increased use of electronic monitoring

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100
Inclusion criteria	Those who are assessed as high risk and repeat offenders
Exclusion criteria	Ages 18 and older, severely mentally ill, and sex offenders
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons
Post-release locations	Allen County
Participation	Mandatory
Legal release status	Court reassumes jurisdiction upon release for all SVORI participants, who are placed on electronic monitoring

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	All agencies that signed the Memorandum of Understanding are included
Post-release reentry authority	IN DOC and Court have joint jurisdiction
Number of phases	3

**Phase 1: Readiness****Duration:** 1–3 months**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessments conducted**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Electronic monitoring provided
- Case management provided
- Mentoring provided
- Ongoing treatment plan development
- Reentry court hearing on the day of release
- Regular meetings with parole, probation, or case manager for the first 30 days post-release
- Reentry court meets with youth every 6 months to assess compliance
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, and sex-offender counseling

**Coordination of services:**

- Two Youth Services Transition Specialists (YSTS) are dedicated to the program and serve as case managers in the facility

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition****Duration:** 90 days**Assessments:** Participants receive ongoing risk and needs assessments.**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Electronic monitoring provided
- Case management provided
- Mentoring provided
- Ongoing treatment plan development
- Reentry court hearing on the day of release
- Regular meetings with parole, probation, or case manager for the first 30 days post-release
- Reentry court meets with youth every 6 months to assess compliance
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, and sex-offender counseling

**Coordination of services:**

- Allen County Superior Court

**Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support****Duration:** Up to 1 year**Assessments:** Participants receive ongoing risk and needs assessments.**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management
- Mentoring
- Ongoing treatment plan development
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, and sex-offender counseling

**Coordination of services:**

- Less stringent monitoring by a specialized juvenile transition team made up of case managers and transition coordinators

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

- Opened a new facility, Allen County Juvenile Center (ACJC), to house court and administrative offices as well as process all participants pre-release
- Increased awareness of the long-term needs of the juveniles
- Implemented the Parent Participation Plan
- Improved communication with IN DOC

**Individual-level changes**

- Increased availability of specialized and ongoing services

TARGET POPULATION

<b>Population type</b>	Male and female adults
<b>Number of targeted prisoners</b>	51–100
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Those convicted of a Class D felony or above and returning to one of the three targeted Weed and Seed Communities
<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	Sex offenders
<b>Pre-release facilities</b>	Primarily Pendleton Correctional Facility, Correctional Industrial Facility, and Indiana Women’s Prison
<b>Post-release locations</b>	3 Weed and Seed communities in Marion County (Westside, SUMO, and Martindale/Brightwood)
<b>Participation</b>	Voluntary unless stipulated by parole or probation
<b>Legal release status</b>	Most will be released to supervision through parole or probation

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

<b>Steering committee</b>	Advisory Board
<b>Post-release reentry authority</b>	Marion Superior Court or Marion County Community Corrections
<b>Number of phases</b>	3

**Phase 1: Pre-release**

**Duration:** 3-6 months

**Assessments:** LSI-R (Level of Service Inventory- Revised)

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Application to participate
- Treatment plan development
- Ongoing relapse prevention plan development
- Determination of facility programming through assessments and development of program requirements
- Identification and development of community requirements for releasee
- Mentor match, mentor training
- Community match, community training
- Physical and mental health and welfare check
- Identification requirements verified
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, employment assessment/training/contacts, education assessment/

programs/contacts, housing assessment/ programs/contacts, family development/ parenting skills training, life skills training, and religious assessment/programs/contacts

**Coordination of services:**

- Community Reentry Chaplain

**Phase 2: Immediate Post-release**

**Duration:** 90 days

**Assessments:** None

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Requirements set by courts or by parole/probation
- Treatment plan assessed and reevaluation
- Life skills development
- Continuation of relapse prevention plan, employment plan, family development, and community development

**Coordination of services:**

- Community Reentry Chaplain

**Phase 3: Ongoing Support and Accountability**

**Duration:** Approximately 40 weeks

**Assessments:** LSI-R

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Continued development of neighborhood associations
- Treatment plan monitoring
- Emphasis on accountability and responsibility
- Job search recaps—employment stability

**Coordination of services:**

- Community Reentry Chaplain

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Increased willingness in Weed and Seed communities to work with and welcome offenders home
- Increased awareness in community of offender needs
- Recognition of barriers to successful reintegration
- System-wide community support
- Community cooperative efforts with INDOC, Parole/ Probation, Community Corrections, and the criminal justice system (courts and prosecuting attorneys)
- Neighborhood associations (Weed and Seed) and faith-based training programs/mentoring programs

Individual-level changes

- Increased availability of specialized and ongoing services during incarceration, reentry and post-release
- Development of community of support, including a faith-based community
- Recognition of barriers to successful reintegration
- Development of a integrated reentry treatment plan and relapse prevention plan
- Increase in available services, including life skills training, an immediate and long term family needs assessment and treatment program, and employment and housing services with relocation as necessary

TARGET POPULATION

<b>Population type</b>	Male and female juveniles
<b>Number of targeted prisoners</b>	101–150
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Ages 14–17.5 and “High” or “Very High” risk on IN DOC assessment tool
<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	Over 18 at the time of release or severely mentally ill, sex offenders
<b>Pre-release facilities</b>	Participants come from the Pendleton (Pendleton, IN), Plainfield (Plainfield, IN) and Indianapolis Juvenile facilities
<b>Post-release locations</b>	3 Weed and Seed Communities in Marion County (Westside, SUMO, and Martindale/Brightwood)
<b>Participation</b>	Voluntary; once the court becomes involved upon release, it becomes mandatory
<b>Legal release status</b>	Participants are put on parole for the first 30 days after release. After 30 days, participants are released form parole and put on probation.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

<b>Steering committee</b>	All agencies that signed a Memorandum of Understanding are included
<b>Post-release reentry authority</b>	IN DOC and Court have joint jurisdiction
<b>Number of phases</b>	3

**Phase 1: Readiness**

**Duration:** 60 days

**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessments and strength-based intake assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management by Youth Services Transition Specialist (YSTS) and Service Coordinators
- Strength-based treatment plan development
- Assignment to a mentor
- Release plan development
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services
- Reentry and Court Team (REACT), the transition team, meets with participant at least once before release

**Coordination of services:**

- Service Coordinators (employed by Choices) meet with youth weekly or biweekly to provide case management, plan development, and assessments.

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition**

**Duration:** 30+ days

**Assessments:** Risk and needs assessments completed by YSTS

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management by the YSTS and individualized REACT team
- Ongoing treatment plan development and involvement of mentor
- Youth are released 30 days early (temporary leave) as an incentive to participate
- Participants receive electronic monitoring (at judge’s discretion)
- Participants meet the judge in court on the day of their release and weekly thereafter
- Judge imposes sanctions and rewards during 30-day trial period and mandates participation of parents and family
- Continuation of services provided in Phase 1, with the addition of domestic violence prevention and intervention

**Coordination of services:**

- Service Coordinators have daily contact with the youth and work with Weed and Seed community representatives to ensure that youth are linked to services.

**Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support**

**Duration:** 3–12 months

**Assessments:** YSTS completes risk and needs assessments 90 days post-release

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management (Service Coordinator and YSTS)
- Ongoing treatment plan development and involvement of mentor
- Continuation of services offered in Phase 2

**Coordination of services:**

- The REACT team advises the judge about participants’ progress with their Reentry/Treatment Plan. As long as youth have made progress in accordance with the plan, the judge puts them on a gradual step-down where supervision becomes decreasingly stringent.

**CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING**

**System-level changes**

- REACT Team led by Choices individually formed for each participant (includes Service Coordinator, YSTS, Weed and Seed representative, mentors, family, community members and school personnel)
- Communication and information sharing increased among partners
- Department of Education included for the first time in the reentry process
- Changed community attitude to be more accepting of reentry planning

**Individual-level changes**

- REACT Team rallied around youth to link them to services and to provide case management
- Youth held accountable by the Reentry Court for good behavior through electronic monitoring, sanctions, and rewards