

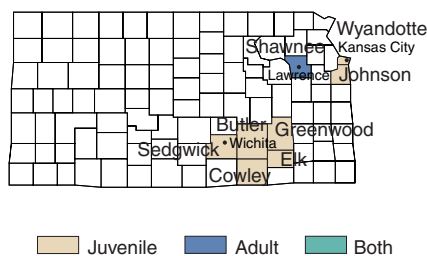
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SVORI Grantees in Kansas

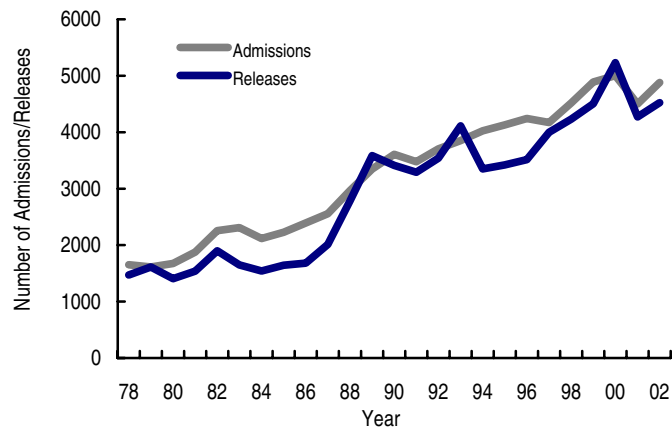
- Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC)
- Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (KS JJA)

Kansas has two SVORI grantees: one focused on adults returning to Shawnee County (depicted in the map below) and one focused on juveniles returning to five judicial districts located in the south-central areas of Sedgwick, Cowley, and Butler/Elk/Greenwood counties and in the northeast areas of Johnson and Wyandotte counties (also shown). The adult grantee targeted Shawnee County because it includes both urban and rural populations, contains or is near the main prison facilities in the state, hosts a significant number of returning prisoners, and has a large number of community service agencies. The juvenile grantee targeted the judicial districts containing Kansas City and Wichita because a majority of the juvenile offenders return there. The rural areas surrounding these two urban areas were also targeted because the reentry efforts will need to be replicated in other rural areas throughout the state. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Kansas over a 24-year period.

Kansas SVORI Target Areas



Kansas 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: Kansas Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	KDOC has two databases in which SVORI participants can be identified. Local evaluator has developed a SVORI-specific database that includes additional information.
Local evaluation planned	University of Kansas is conducting a local evaluation
Program name	Shawnee County Reentry Program (SCRCP)

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Shawnee County Reentry Program (SCRCP)

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–34, at high risk of recidivism or violence
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Statewide adult prisons; all males transferred to Lansing facility for SVORI programming
Post-release locations	Shawnee County
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Approximately 80% on post-release supervision; approximately 20% not under supervision

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	42 key partners form a steering committee and advisory board and participate on community accountability panel and expert teams
Post-release reentry authority	Community Accountability Panel
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Identification and Assessment Phase

Duration: 6–8 months is ideal; duration varies depending on when offender is identified for participation

Assessments: LSI-R

Components/services offered within phase:

- Development of reentry plan
- Case management by Reentry Case Manager Advocate
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, medical and dental services, employment skills training, vocational rehabilitation, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills, anger management, faith-based services, budgeting, nutrition, health, family transition, family workshop, character building, and cognitive skills (Thinking for a Change)

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Manager Advocate to coordinate services at the individual offender level in all phases
- Boundary spanner to broker services at the aggregate level across all phases

Phase 2: Transition Phase

Duration: 1 year (6 months pre-release; 6 months post-release)

Assessments: Needs assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- Offender meets with transition team (Reentry Program Coordinator, Reentry Case Manager Advocate, SCRCP parole officer, SCRCP police officer, mental health agency representative) to further develop release plan
- Offender required to complete core curriculum (one educational, one lifeskill, one reentry planning, and one job skill enhancement) prior to release
- Engage offender's family or other supports
- Address anti-social attributes through mentor or by engaging other pro-social community members
- Reach-in by community service providers; community supports identified
- Case management by Reentry Case Manager Advocate who transitions with participant
- Victims may participate in reentry planning process
- Participants meet with Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) for job preparedness assessment to help transition from pre to post release
- Trained mentor from community assigned to participant and makes transition with participant from pre- to post-release

- Community Accountability Panel (SCRCP-specific police officer, victims' services representative, mental health representative, substance abuse representative, one person from community, and ex-offender) monitors offender's progress
- SCRCP-specific parole officer supervises all program participants who are on parole
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, medical and dental services, employment skills training and employment services (resume writing, job searches, job placement assistance), vocational rehabilitation, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills, anger management, faith-based services, family services, community service/restitution, and victim/offender mediation
- Local provider completes assessments regarding mental health and substance abuse needs upon release

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Manager Advocate to coordinate services at the individual offender level in all phases
- Boundary spanner to broker services at the aggregate level across all phases
- 42 key partners form 6 expert teams to coordinate community resources and brainstorm on individual cases

Phase 3: Community Phase

Duration: Varies as a function of the length of post-release supervision period

Assessments: No specific assessments are used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Reentry program hands over case to parole, which handles supervision and case management from that point on
- Support by Case Manager Advocate (if needed)

- Alumni supports
- Individual contacts for crises
- Events/activities to keep offenders connected and coming back to the program (e.g., “tax returns for free” party)
- Community Accountability Panel
- Community connections and supports

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Manager Advocate to coordinate services at the individual offender level in all phases
- Boundary spanner to broker services across all phases
- 42 key partners with expertise in all key service and community issues to coordinate resources and brainstorm on individual cases

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

- Use of Community Accountability Panel and community expert panels in areas such as housing, employment, education, community safety, and medical/mental health
- Increase in collaboration among community partners
- Cooperation and collaboration between reentry program and victim services
- Creation of a Community Reentry Steering Committee
- Addition of SVORI-specific police officer and parole officer
- Use of a boundary spanner to deal with systemic barriers among entities
- Existence of regular feedback mechanism among agencies to ensure that the collaboration is working
- Sharing of agency protocols regarding approach to provision

Individual-level changes

- Forming offender-specific transition teams that include staff from the institution and the community to work with offender in pre- and post-release phases
- Earlier start for reentry planning
- Release plan tailored to offender’s needs and finalized by transition team and offender
- Enhanced case management by Reentry Case Manager Advocate, institutional case manager, and parole officer
- Reach-in by community service providers
- Additional classes and gender-specific health programming
- Trained mentor from community assigned to participant
- Greater assistance with financial matters
- Intensive supervision and monitoring by parole and Community Accountability Panel
- One parole officer for all offenders
- Greater access to services

SVORI Grantee: Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority

SVORI website	None
Data management system	JJA has three data warehouses in which SVORI participants can be flagged
Local evaluation planned	Wichita State University is conducting a local evaluation
Program name	Going Home Initiative (GHI)

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Returning to one of five judicial districts; conditional release >6 months; and identified high risk for reoffending (moderate-high risk/moderate-high needs) including substance abuse or mental health problems, history of family disorganization, involvement with delinquent peers, extensive criminal history
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Statewide juvenile correctional facilities
Post-release locations	One of five judicial districts: 13th, 18th, 19th (south-central areas of Sedgwick, Cowley, and Butler/Elk/Greenwood counties); and 10th and 29th (northeast areas of Johnson and Wyandotte counties)
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All participants under Conditional Release

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	No formal steering committee; focus groups with key players
Post-release reentry authority	KS JJA
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Institutional Phase

Duration: 10 months (average)

Assessments: Battery of assessments: specific JCF's risk and needs, mental health, and substance abuse assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- Extensive testing/assessment for first 3–4 weeks
- Program plan developed by institutional social worker, community case manager, other institution staff, and offender within first 30 days
- Video-conferencing utilized, as needed
- Case management by institutional social worker
- Monthly reports on offender's progress sent to field personnel
- Community Reentry Facilitator begins identifying services in community that would meet offender's needs, and serves as liaison between facility and community
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, medical and dental services, vocational training, education, community living skills, anger

management, faith-based services, psycho-education groups in sex education and parenting, recreation, character education, self-care, social skills training, mentoring, adolescent development and behavior modification, family counseling, and sex offender treatment

Coordination of services:

- Institutional staff coordinate services

Phase 2: Community Reintegration/Transition Phase

Duration: Approximately 1 year (30 days pre-release until end of supervision period, which averages 10–12 months)

Assessments: Youth needs assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- 30 days prior to release, release plan developed at Family Group Conference by offender, family, Community Reentry Facilitator, institutional case manager, Intensive Supervision Officer/community case manager, Long-Term Support Specialist, and community stakeholders/supporters
- Video-conferencing utilized, as needed, for Family Group Conference

- Victim involved in reentry planning process, as appropriate
- Offender meets with Intensive Supervision Officer/community case manager within 48 hours of release
- Case management by Intensive Supervision Officer (lead case manager) and Community Reentry Facilitator, who also provide community support
- Supervision and monitoring by Intensive Supervision Officer, Community Reentry Facilitator, community police officers, school resource officers, and other stakeholders
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, medical and dental services, vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence services, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, mentoring, and family counseling

Coordination of services:

- Community Reentry Facilitator to coordinate transition from pre-release to post-release and to coordinate resources post-release

Phase 3: Long-Term Support Phase**Duration:** 1 year**Assessments:** No specific post-release assessments are used**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Participant no longer under supervision
- Long-Term Support Specialist seeks to improve opportunities for offender to connect with community resources

- Long-Term Support Specialist monitors offender for new arrests 6 months and 12 months after Conditional Release period ends

Coordination of services:

- Long-Term Support Specialist to coordinate resources

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

- Broader involvement of agencies
- Greater mobilization of resources
- Community Reentry Facilitator to open channels of communication and collaboration among agencies
- Family and community involvement in offender reentry
- Integrated effort continues after supervision period

Individual-level changes

- Family Group Conference prior to offender's release
- Additional release planning and community connections
- Community Reentry Facilitator and Long-Term Support Specialist provide enhanced case management and resource coordination
- More intensive supervision
- More resources identified for post-release