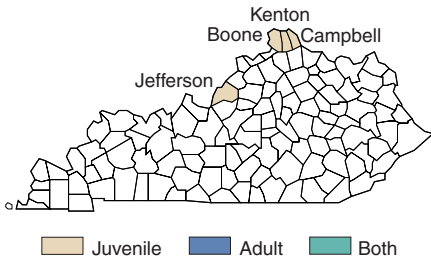


SVORI Grantees in Kentucky

- Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (KY DJJ)

Kentucky SVORI Target Areas



Kentucky has one SVORI grantee focused on male juveniles returning to Jefferson, Kenton, Campbell, and Boone counties (depicted in the map at left). The SVORI grant in Kentucky builds on an existing effort called the Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP), which provides supervision and monitoring post-release. The IAP did not, however, provide the continuity of services that youth and their families needed. SVORI program administrators chose to focus SVORI funding on the two areas of the state that are most heavily populated and have two of the three highest juvenile populations in the IAP.

SVORI Grantee: Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Juvenile Offender Management System
Local evaluation planned	SVORI activities will be documented through an existing evaluation of the Intensive Aftercare Program
Program name	Kentucky Juvenile

KY DJJ

Kentucky Juvenile

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100 (annually)
Inclusion criteria	Ages 14–18, those assessed as high risk upon admission, and those enrolled in the Intensive Aftercare Program
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders, youthful offenders, the physically disabled, and the severely mentally ill
Pre-release facilities	Audubon Youth Development Center (Louisville)
Post-release locations	Jefferson County and Northern Kentucky (Kenton, Campbell, and Boone counties)
Participation	Mandatory
Legal release status	Intensive Aftercare Supervision as all youth remain committed to KY DJJ until release through court. All youth will be under aftercare supervision by designated case workers.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Managers of partnering agencies included
Post-release reentry authority	Reentry Court
Number of phases	2

Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs

Duration: 7–9 months (entire length of stay in the facility)
Assessments: DJJ risk/needs assessment tool (weighting factors such as age at commitment, prior violations, prior out-of-home placements, history of truancy, incarceration of parents, parental substance abuse problems)

Components/services offered within phase:

- Case management provided
- Family counseling received
- Comprehensive treatment planning meeting held within 21 days of placement
- Treatment plan developed
- Final reentry plan completed 45–60 days pre-release (revised on a monthly basis until this point)
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, employment skills/vocational training, education, and life skills training

Coordination of services:

- Treatment/Transition Team will include representatives from the KY DJJ and representatives of each local service provider. The team will meet monthly from entry into the facility until release.

Phase 2: Community-Based Transition/ Long-Term Support

Duration: 10–12 months
Assessments: Assessment continues while youth is in placement and post-assessments are completed prior to discharge

Components/services offered within phase:

- Community Phase Supervision Standards imposed, including a minimum of 30 hours per week in programming, a weekly schedule prepared for the case manager by the youth documenting these 30 hours in addition to the rest of his schedule, satisfactory participation in any required treatment and/or competency development programming, and a required curfew (relaxing as youth displays progress)
- Reentry Court meets once a week with youth and families as required
- Step-down approach to community reentry (i.e., some youth go to a group home or a day treatment/reporting center)
- Mandatory family participation
- Reentry Plan becomes Reentry Court “contract” and is presented at Court upon release
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/ vocational training, education, and life skills training

Coordination of services:

- Case manager compiles information on staffing sheets to prepare for the Court session
- The Treatment/Transition Team will meet with the youth weekly upon release (each team member is responsible for specific information related to his or her area of responsibility), and the frequency of meetings will relax gradually as participants progress
- Reentry Court judge imposes graduated sanctions and rewards on the participating youth

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Developed a Reentry Court
- Increased continuity of services

Individual-level changes

- Increased time spent under supervision of a treatment/ transition team
- Increased participation on the part of agencies, family, and the community in each individual’s reentry process