

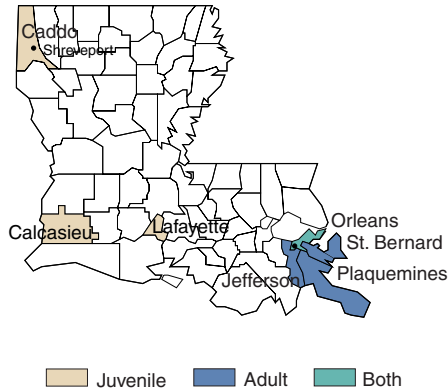
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SVORI Grantees in Louisiana

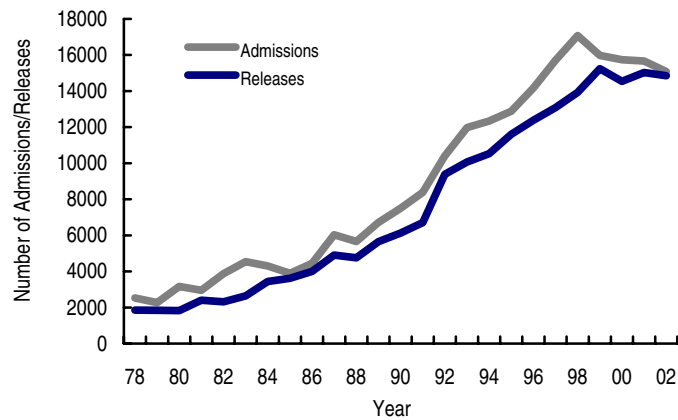
- Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Services (LA DPSCS)

Louisiana has one SVORI grantee with two administratively separate programs focusing on adults returning to four parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines) and juveniles returning to four parishes (Lafayette, Orleans, Caddo, and Calcasieu), depicted in the map below. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Louisiana over a 24-year period.

Louisiana SVORI Target Areas



Louisiana 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: Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Services

SVORI website	http://www.corrections.state.la.us/corrections%20organized%20for%20re-entry.htm
Data management system	Statewide probation and parole data management system will track participants' status and progress, Corrections and Justice Unified Network (CAJUN)
Local evaluation planned	No
Program names	Corrections Organized for Re-Entry (CORG) Corrections Organized for Re-Entry Juvenile Program (CORGJ)

LA DPSCS: PROGRAM 1

Corrections Organized for Re-Entry (CORG)

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults and youthful offenders
Number of targeted prisoners	101–150
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–34 who have been assessed as high risk for re-offense at admission
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders and the severely mentally ill
Pre-release facilities	Dixon (Jackson), Elayn Hunt (St. Gabriel), and Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (St. Gabriel)
Post-release locations	Four parishes in Louisiana (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines)
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All SVORI participants are released under parole supervision

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Steering committee composed of prison staff, post-release staff, and the Project Director
Post-release reentry authority	State Statute/Louisiana Board of Parole
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Getting Ready

Duration: 6–9 months

Assessments: Needs assessment, risk assessment (LSI-R)

Components/services offered within phase:

- Case management provided
- Job Skills Education Program provided
- Project Metamorphosis (job placement counseling in facility and community) administered
- Restorative Justice Project administered
- Youthful Offender Program (includes anger management, parenting, substance abuse treatment, and education) provided
- Offender Reentry Plan (ORP) developed
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Team includes case management personnel, probation and parole officers, job development specialists, and the community resources coordinator

Phase 2: Going Home

Duration: 3 months

Assessments: Ongoing risk and needs assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- ORP updated and revised
- Accountability plan developed
- Case management provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Team

Phase 3: Staying Home

Duration: Up to 15 months

Assessments: Ongoing risk and needs assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- Revision of Reentry Plan completed
- Case management provided
- Computer-based software training provided
- Violent aggressor treatment administered
- Meeting conducted with parole officer upon release
- Electronic monitoring provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Team

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Hiring of a Community Resources Coordinator to assess resources and solicit assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies to enlist support for services to participants in the community; they maintain a database of available resources, and it will be readily available to all staff.
- Hiring of a Job Development Specialist, who serves as the liaison between participants and the local Workforce Investment Board and one-stop centers
- Increased communication across agencies and institutions (where, in some cases, none previously existed)

Individual-level changes

- Increased use of electronic monitoring
- Increased availability of long-term and specialized services and case management

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	151–200
Inclusion criteria	Those who have been assessed as high risk for re-offense at admission
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders and the severely mentally ill
Pre-release facilities	Jetson (Baton Rouge), Bridge City (Bridge City), Swanson I and Swanson II (Monroe)
Post-release locations	Four Parishes (Lafayette, Orleans, Caddo, and Calcasieu)
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All participants are on parole

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Institutional social services staff, case workers, health care professional within the institution, juvenile probation and parole staff, district-specific transition specialists and community-based service providers in the specific district
Post-release reentry authority	Juvenile Court System
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Getting Ready

Duration: Variable

Assessments: Risk assessment conducted

Components/services offered within phase:

- Case management provided
- Transition specialists meet with family and community members
- Transition specialists provide individual and group counseling, links to services, and life skills training
- Restorative Justice services provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Specialists (four hired) provide intensive transitional oversight

Phase 2: Going Home

Duration: Variable

Assessments: No specific instrument is used; however, all juveniles incarcerated in Louisiana institutions are considered very high risk. Therefore, all that leave are still considered high risk. Decisions to provide additional services through the SVORI transition specialists are made by careful examination of the case records, recommendation by institutional social workers, willingness of participant and participant's family to receive extra assistance, availability of appropriate services in the home community, and other individual factors. No particular formula is used.

Components/services offered within phase:

- Transition Plan developed
- Restorative Justice services provided
- Case management provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Specialists (four hired) will provide intensive transitional oversight

Phase 3: Staying Home

Duration: Variable

Assessments: No particular instrument is used to determine additional risk factors. All juveniles served under Phase 2 are served under Phase 3 unless they are re-incarcerated, move away, or voluntarily withdraw their participation.

Components/services offered within phase:

- Electronic monitoring provided in some cases
- Transition plan implemented by Transition Specialist in concert with probation officer
- Computer-based software training available
- Case management provided
- Violent aggressor treatment provided
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Transition Specialists (four hired) will provide intensive transitional oversight and will work with the probation officer

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Hiring of four Transition Specialists (each will work with about 55 participants per year)
- Increased communication across agencies and institutions (where, in some cases, none previously existed)

Individual-level changes

- Increased availability of ongoing services; Transition Specialist will continue to provide services after probation is complete
- Increased continuity of service provision; the Transition Specialist will follow youth throughout pre- and post-release