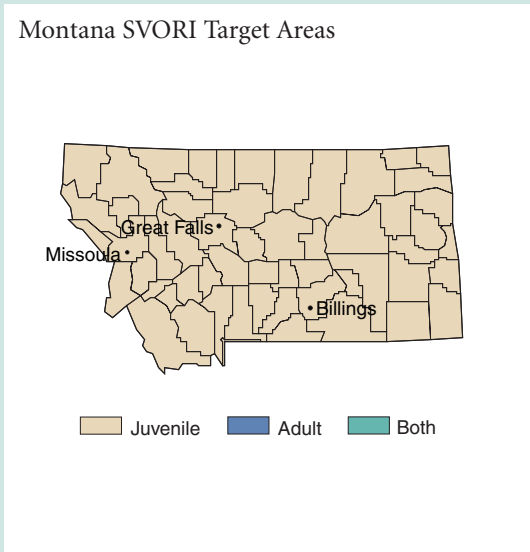


## SVORI Grantees in Montana

- Montana Department of Corrections (MT DOC)

Montana SVORI Target Areas



Montana has one grantee that targets juveniles across all areas of the State (depicted in the map at left). Montana’s size and population distribution make it necessary to provide programs and services for corrections aftercare to remote as well as urban areas of the State.

## SVORI Grantee: Juvenile Division of the Montana Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Unknown
Local evaluation planned	Not yet formalized
Program name	Offender Reentry

MT DOC

Offender Reentry

### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	151–200 annually
Inclusion criteria	Ages 12–17, sex offenses, drug offenses, and other violent offenses
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Participants are returning from one of two Montana Youth Correctional Facilities—Pine Hills YCF (males) and Riverside YCF (females)
Post-release locations	Statewide
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Most participants are under juvenile parole supervision

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Transition team
Post-release reentry authority	Juvenile Division of the MT DOC
Number of phases	2

**Phase 1: Pre-release Programming**

**Duration:** 7–9 months

**Assessments:** YLS/CMI assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Family members and community service providers meet with the juvenile to assist in transition planning, including determining the juvenile’s supervising officer
- Aftercare coordinators consider the resources in the juvenile’s return community in the construction of a reentry plan. (The aftercare coordinator works in conjunction with the community, families, and regional parole officers to create an individualized aftercare case plan for the offender.)
- Reentry plans are developed within 30 days of arrival at the correctional facility
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, life skills training, faith-based services, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention services, and anger management

**Coordination of services:**

- Aftercare coordinator (service broker) and the transition team, which typically includes a juvenile parole officer, therapist, family/foster family individuals, education staff, law enforcement officers, religious community representatives, juvenile/young adult offender organization representatives, mentors, victim advocates, and other local community representatives (as needed)

**Phase 2: Post-release Programming**

**Duration:** Varies based on commitment level

**Assessments:** YSL/CMI assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Supervision decreases gradually as responsibilities shift to the juveniles and their families, and linkages to the home community become stronger
- Services depend on the county of release, in that some rural counties may not have full access to services. (Transition team members will provide access to programs and services for juveniles whenever possible, including transportation to service locations.)
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, and faith-based services
- Mentoring programs are also offered, which will provide access to needed services in rural counties

**Coordination of services:**

- Transition team

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- Youth correctional facilities previously had no aftercare planning or support for juvenile reentry

**Individual-level changes**

- Aftercare coordinators identify key support areas in the community to fill juveniles’ needs, and also schedule pre-placement visits with community service liaisons
- Quarterly reporting between the community and the correctional system ensures successful completion of the reentry process, with repeated YSL/CMI assessments to address possible changes in needs and services
- Family members and community service providers meet with the juveniles to assist in transition planning