

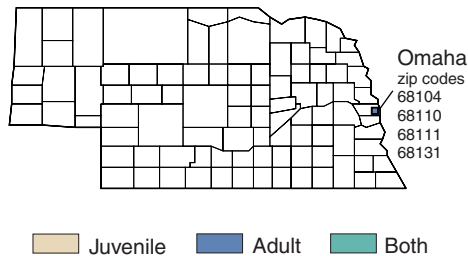
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SVORI Grantees in Nebraska

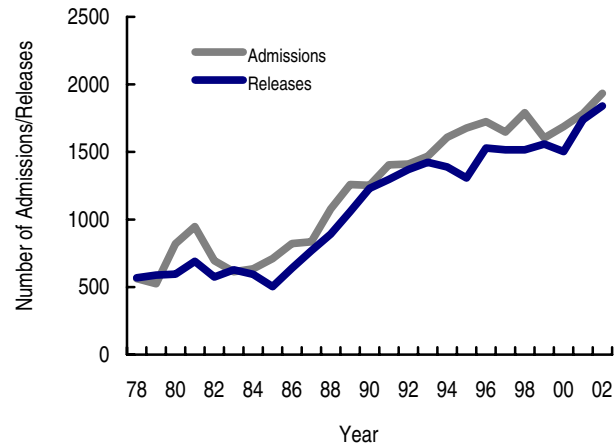
- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NE DCS)

Nebraska has one SVORI grantee serving adults returning to four zip codes in metropolitan Omaha (depicted in the map below). The SVORI target population is individuals who are in need of intensive services upon release. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Nebraska over a 24-year period.

Nebraska SVORI Target Areas



Nebraska 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: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

SVORI website	None
Data management system	NE DCS has a correctional database that can be queried to identify offenders who participate in the Reentry Program
Local evaluation planned	Omaha's College of Public Affairs and Community Services at the University of Nebraska is conducting the local evaluation
Program name	Nebraska Adult

NE DCS

Nebraska Adult

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male adults
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–35, identified as “violent” by the Nebraska Board of Parole, identified as “high risk” on assessment, with tentative release dates equal to or less than 5 years
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders, the severely mentally ill, and offenders serving life sentences
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons
Post-release locations	Four Omaha zip codes: 68104, 68110, 68111, and 68131
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Most participants will be under parole supervision, though offenders who are released at expiration of their sentences will not be automatically excluded

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Steering Committee
Post-release reentry authority	Nebraska Board of Parole
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs

Duration: At least 1 year

Assessments: Risk assessment designed by the Nebraska Board of Parole

Components/services offered within phase:

- Personalized Reentry Program Plan (PREPP), which is designed for each offender at the time of admission
- Participants are moved to a pre-release facility (Community Correctional Center—Omaha) before release
- Case management
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, life skills training, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, employment programs, education, housing assistance, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- One year prior to a offender's parole, the reentry team begins exploring community treatment and programming options. The team is made up of the prisoner, a case manager, law enforcement, the Parole Board, a parole officer, transition manager, treatment providers, community service providers, family and community members, and a representative from victim advocacy groups.

Phase 2: Community-Based Transition

Duration: Variable

Assessments: Ongoing risk assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- PREPP revised
- Transition plan created
- Supervision program developed
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, life skills training, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, employment programs, education, housing assistance, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Reentry team

Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support

Duration: Up to 2 years

Assessments: Ongoing risk assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- Revision of Reentry Plan to include services available after release from parole
- Assistance in finding employment
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, life skills training, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, employment programs, education, housing assistance, anger management, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Reentry team will change to consist of those community programs that have longevity and can provide services to offenders after release from parole

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Increased enthusiasm
- Future expansion of the program throughout the State

Individual-level changes

- Participants are moved to a pre-release facility (Community Correctional Center—Omaha) before release, where they receive specialized reentry services