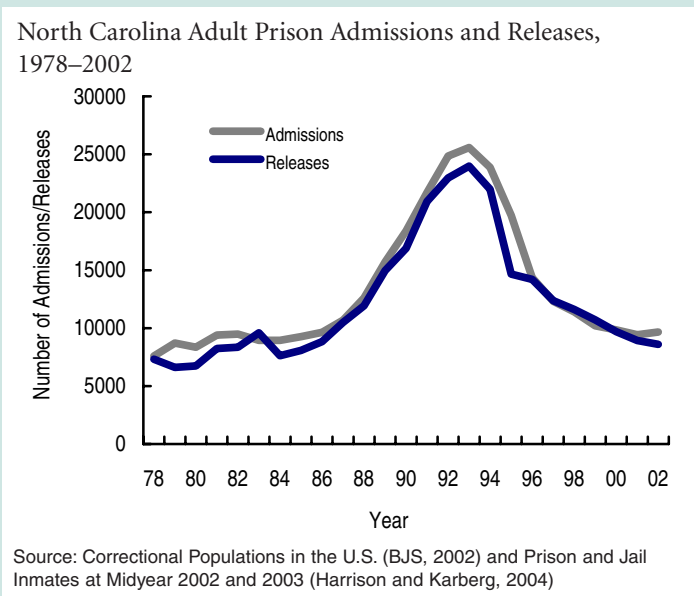
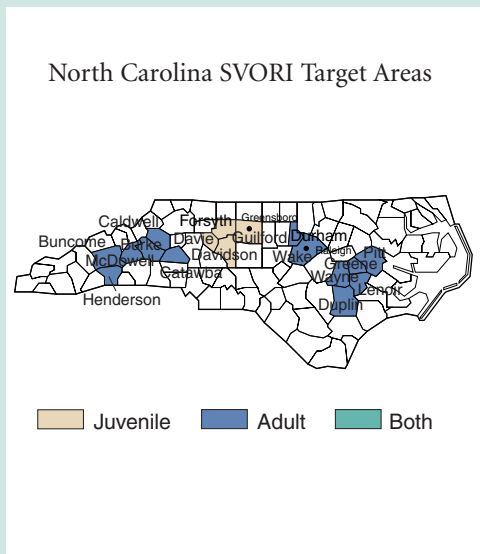


NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has two SVORI grantees: one targets adults and youthful offenders returning to 13 counties (depicted in the map below), and the other targets juveniles returning to 4 counties (also shown). NC DOC selected these counties (organized into 8 clusters) based on the following determinants: existing relationships between core partners, existing programs, the objective of achieving a mix of urban and rural communities, the objective of achieving representation of the entire state, numbers of returning offenders, existence of Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) programs, existence of JobLink centers, and other existing partnerships. The NC DJJDP program targets juveniles returning to the Triad community (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point). The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in North Carolina over a 24-year period.

SVORI Grantees in North Carolina

- North Carolina Department of Correction (NC DOC)
- North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (NC DJJDP)



SVORI Grantee: North Carolina Department of Corrections

SVORI website	http://www.doc.state.nc.us/rap/goinghome.htm
Data management system	NC DOC's OPUS system is being enhanced to provide information to SVORI partners and to integrate current information on offender progress
Local evaluation planned	No
Program name	Going Home Initiative (GHI)

NC DOC		Going Home Initiative
TARGET POPULATION		
Population type	Male and female adults and youthful offenders	
Number of targeted prisoners	201+	
Inclusion criteria	Age 18–35 at the time of release; offenders who exhibit chronic criminal behavior and are likely to return to criminal activity; county of release; felony class B1-E; at least 90-day term of parole or post-release supervision	
Exclusion criteria	None	
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons; participants transfer to 20 designated facilities to work with Transition Teams	
Post-release locations	13 counties: Duplin, Greene, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Durham, Wake, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Henderson, and McDowell	

TARGET POPULATION

Participation	Voluntary during incarceration; once released, GHI participation becomes a condition of release
Legal release status	Most are under post-release supervision; varies by sentence

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	State Planning Team, consisting of 14 representatives from NC DOC, HHS, Commerce, Community College System, and Governor's Office
Post-release reentry authority	NC DOC and Parole Commission
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Institution

Duration: 9–12 months prior to release

Assessments: OTI and CA, used for referrals to the Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) program. Needs assessments are administered prior to release specifically for reentry planning.

Components/services offered within phase:

- A transition team, led by the institutional case manager and including the inmate and other prison staff such as the mental health social worker, the probation officer, and other community members (e.g., JobLink, TASC, housing, faith-based, community college, vocational rehabilitation, and veterans affairs), handles case management and reentry planning. The transition team stays with the participant through all phases of the Initiative; different members take the lead in assisting the participants in each phase.
- Participants actively help create reentry plans tailored to their individual needs
- Family members are included in pre-release reentry planning
- Community service providers come into the institution to meet with offenders and assist in reentry planning
- Community work projects can begin in Phase 1 if inmate is eligible for work release
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, dental services, employment skills and vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management training, faith-based inter-

vention counseling, life skills training, anger management training, faith-based interventions, and cognitive behavioral interventions

Coordination of services:

- Transition team

Phase 2: Community-based Transition

Duration: 90 days–9 months, depending on supervision level; continues into Phase 3

Assessments: OTI and CA

Components/services offered within phase:

- Probation/Parole officers from the Division of Community Corrections act as the post-release authority and have case management responsibilities for the program participants with support from transition team
- Community work projects begin in this phase and continue into Phase 3
- The transition team stays with the participant through all phases of the initiative; different members take the lead in assisting the participants in each phase
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, dental services, employment skills and vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based assistance

Coordination of services:

- The transition team is responsible for coordinating services along with the

probation officer and other community members

Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support

Duration: Begins when period of supervision ends; duration varies

Assessments: Substance abuse and mental health screenings through the TASC program

Components/services offered within phase:

- Community partners involved in previous phases take the lead role in this phase, helping the offender maintain employment, housing, and treatment programs (where applicable)
- Community work projects from Phase 2 continue
- The Transition Aftercare Network and other faith-based initiatives provide mentoring services and coordinate ex-offender groups, and treatment providers offer relapse prevention services
- JobLink centers have six designated offender specialists dedicated to working with SVORI participants
- Emergency funds are available to SVORI participants and are processed by probation officers (75% of grant funds are to be used for direct services)
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, housing, job training and placement, and substance abuse and mental health treatment programs

Coordination of services:

- Community partners from the transition team

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Increased involvement from both community and State government in providing programs, services, and financial assistance to the Initiative
- Increased involvement of the Department of Commerce (funding six designated offender employment specialists at local JobLink centers)
- Dedicated SVORI probation officer in each cluster
- New and sustained partnerships between SVORI staff and community service providers, ensuring accountability, guidance, and cooperation

Individual-level changes

- More intensive case management and interaction with the local communities (more reaching in from outside community members) in the pre-release phase
- Needs assessment conducted prior to release, resulting in improved continuity of services and quicker implementation of the reentry plan
- Pre-release contact with probation officers, resulting in a smooth hand-off from the institution to the community

SVORI Grantee: North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SVORI website	None
Data management system	A SVORI-specific database is still in the development phase
Local evaluation planned	Under development
Program name	CORE Project

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	Fewer than 50
Inclusion criteria	Violent offenders of Class A–E Felonies under NC statutes are eligible
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	All State youth development centers
Post-release locations	Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, and Guilford counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All participants are under court-ordered supervision for 3–12 months following release

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Treatment Team
Post-release reentry authority	NC DJJDP
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs

Duration: Varies by sentence, but lasts a minimum of 6 months

Assessments: NC DJJDP Risk Assessment and Needs Assessment as well as comprehensive assessments of cognitive abilities, physical/mental health, substance use/abuse, family relationships/resources and educational/vocational achievement, special needs and interests

Components/services offered within phase:

- A treatment team is assigned to each juvenile to begin transition planning and to monitor progress during Youth Development Center (YDC) programming
- Court counselors are assigned to participants at YDC intake to help prepare their transition back to the community and help network community services and programs
- Transition development specialists will be hired at the youth development centers to develop infrastructure and services in pre-release phase

- Youth participate in the development of their post-release plans with their treatment team members
- A major emphasis is on enhancing the educational and vocational training available at the facilities
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, life skills training, anger management, and faith-based services
- Sex offender treatment and other specialized services are also provided

Coordination of services:

- Treatment team

Phase 2: Community-Based Transition

Duration: 3–12 months

Assessments: NC DJJDP Risk Assessment and Needs Assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- Specific targeted services include, as

needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, faith-based services, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence resources, life skills training, and anger management

Coordination of services:

- Court counselors

Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support

Duration: : From end of post-release supervision period to as much as 3 years

Assessments: None

Components/services offered within phase:

- Programs and services from the previous phase will be maintained as necessary for the participant

Coordination of services:

- Transition Coordinators and Community Accountability Boards

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Success of this initiative would be used as a basis for future reentry program

Individual-level changes

- SVORI participants will have pre-release contact (starting at the time of commitment) with the transition coordinators who provide long-term case management, once their post-release supervision period ends
- The program is hiring transition development specialists to help identify community resources and build reentry support infrastructure
- Enhanced educational and vocational training are available at YDC
- Working groups oversee accountability in the community through the Center of Community Safety, local universities, and local community services and programs