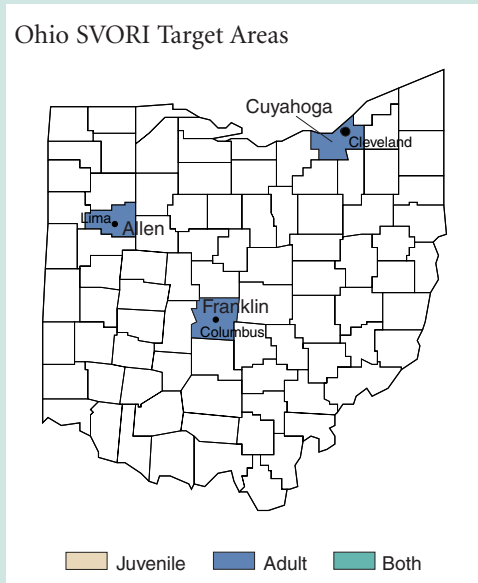


SVORI Grantees in Ohio

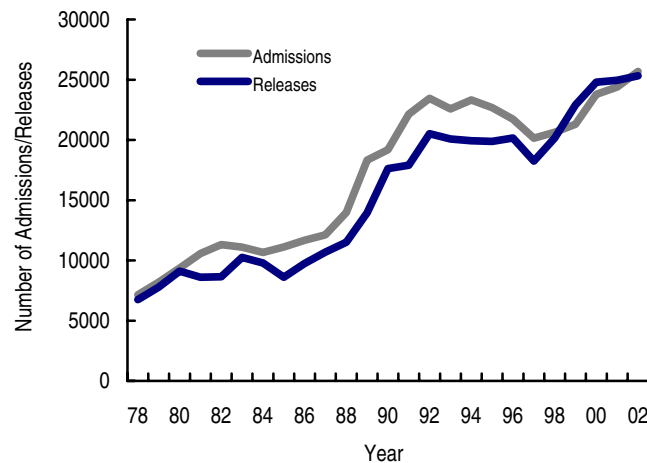
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)

Ohio has one SVORI grantee focused on adults returning to Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Allen counties (depicted in the map below). Ohio is using SVORI funds to build on the existing Ohio Reentry Plan by placing an emphasis on State and local collaboration and by incorporating a full continuum of collaborative partnerships designed to provide structure, support, and accountability to offenders returning home. The SVORI funds target three very diverse counties: Cuyahoga has the largest number of offenders and is urban; Franklin is a medium-sized county; and Allen is small and rural. More than one-third of Ohio's prison population is from these three counties. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Ohio over a 24-year period.

Ohio SVORI Target Areas



Ohio 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: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

SVORI website <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/offenderreentry.htm>

Data management system There is no SVORI-specific MIS system, but the State of Ohio has several different MIS systems that contain a wide variety of information. State MIS systems include CCIS (Community Corrections Information System), DOTS (Departmental Offender Tracking System), and RAP (Reentry Accountability Plan). The community service providers in Franklin, Allen, and Cuyahoga counties have access to the above-mentioned system and have updated capabilities in RAP.

Local evaluation planned An internal evaluation is planned

Program name Community-Oriented Reentry Program (CORE)

ODRC

Community-Oriented Reentry Program

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–35; repeat and violent offenders who have been assessed as “Reentry Intensive” through their assessment process, released to minimum 1 year parole supervision/post-release control, and incarcerated for at least 12 months
Exclusion criteria	Sex offenders
Pre-release facilities	One of the following seven selected facilities: Ohio Reformatory for Women (Marysville) Franklin Pre-Release Center (women, Columbus)

TARGET POPULATION

	Northeast Pre-Release Center (women, Cleveland) Richland Correctional Institution (Mansfield) Ross Correctional Institution (Chillicothe) Pickaway Correctional Institution (Orient) Allen Correctional Institution (Lima)
Post-release locations	Allen, Cuyahoga, and Franklin counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All Offenders are released under a minimum of 1 year parole supervision/PRC

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	State-Level Committee
Post-release reentry authority	Division of Parole and Community Services
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Pre-release

Duration: 10–12 months before release

Assessments: Following an initial screening to determine eligibility, risk and needs assessments are conducted for those who agree to participate. Mental health and substance abuse assessments by community providers are conducted immediately prior to release.

Components/services offered within phase:

- Reentry Accountability Plan tailored to the individual risks and needs of each participant is developed with participants, team members, family members, and victims, and is signed by each participant and Reentry Plan Coordinator
- Offenders linked to resources such as medical care, substance abuse services, mental health services, and housing before release

- A Reentry Management Team, consisting of a community case manager, an institutional case manager, a parole officer, family members, and appropriate treatment staff, meets with each participant monthly to provide services, support, and resources
- Community case management is handled by Community Connections in Allen and Franklin counties and by Community Re-Entry in Cuyahoga County
- All released offenders (including non-SVORI participants) participate in required core curriculum
- Participants meet monthly with community service providers, team members, and family members in the prison through in-person visits
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services,

dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based programming, and victim/family issues services

Coordination of services:

- ODRC is responsible for coordinating services, in conjunction with the participants, family members, institution case managers, parole officers, community case managers, and community service providers

Phase 2: Post-release**Duration:** 12 months**Assessments:** STATIC**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Participants meet with community case manager and parole officer (PO) within 72 hours of release
- Participants meet monthly (or more often, if desired by the participant) with the Community Reentry Management Team (which includes family members, faith-based organizations, and other community members) for at least 6 months, with meetings decreasing in frequency as progress is made
- Community case management is handled by Community Connection in Allen and Franklin counties and by Community Reentry in Cuyahoga County
- PO has a minimum of five contacts per month with each participant
- Financial assistance is provided for housing, work equipment, rental assistance, and obtaining identification
- Allen County operates a reentry court
- Specific targeted services include, as

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

Coordination of services:

- ODRC is responsible for coordinating services in conjunction with participants, family members, parole officers, community case managers, and community service providers
- A dedicated staff member works to create partnerships with community service providers

Phase 3: Post-supervision**Duration:** Begins after 1 year on parole or when post-release control ends**Assessments:** As needed**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Community providers continue to support and engage offenders discharged from community supervision

- Community Case Management is handled by Community Connection in Allen and Franklin counties and by Community Reentry in Cuyahoga County

- Services they may receive include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based programming, and victim/family issues services

Coordination of services:

- Community Connection and Community Reentry are responsible for coordinating services in conjunction with the participants, family members, and community service agencies
- Dedicated staff members work to create and sustain partnerships with community service providers, community action groups, local law enforcement, and faith community

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING**System-level changes**

- Use of technologies such as video-conferencing to put participants in touch with outside resources while still incarcerated
- New level of cooperation among agencies, including joint mission statements, shared protocols, and mechanisms for feedback
- Use of community accountability panel to facilitate successful reentry

Individual-level changes

- Focus on the reentry process as soon as incarceration begins
- Development of Reentry Management Teams that are specific to each participant
- Inclusion of family and victims in reentry planning
- One-on-one contact with service providers both in the prisons and in the community
- Earlier PO assignments (10–12 months prior to release) with more intensive contacts
- Community case manager assigned prior to release
- Priority status in release planning for participants
- Access to specialized types of services, such as rental assistance, not available to other recently released prisoners