

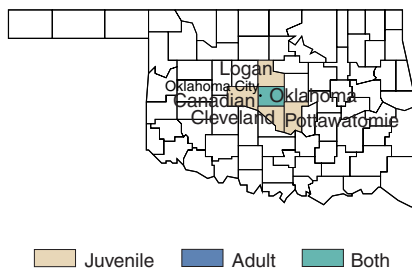
# OKLAHOMA

## SVORI Grantees in Oklahoma

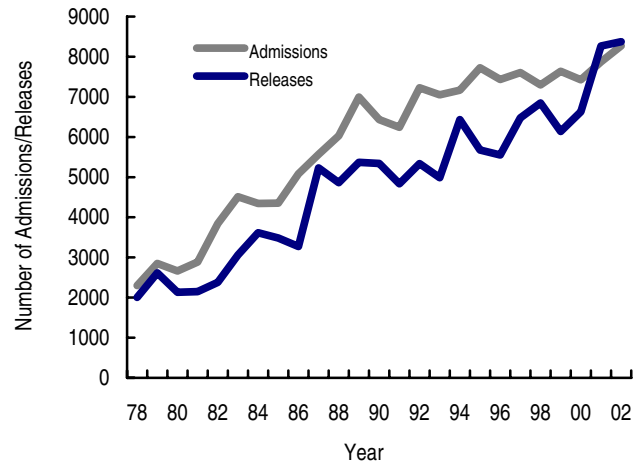
- Oklahoma Department of Corrections (OK DOC)
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OK OJA)

Oklahoma has two SVORI grantees: one focused on adults returning to Oklahoma County and one focused on juveniles returning to Oklahoma, Logan, Cleveland, Canadian, and Pottawatomie counties (depicted in the map below). Oklahoma County was selected as the target post-release geographic area for adults because it leads all 77 Oklahoma counties in index crime rate and ranks second in incarceration rate. The five targeted post-release counties were chosen for juveniles because of their proximity to the local evaluator. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Oklahoma over a 24-year period.

Oklahoma SVORI Target Areas



Oklahoma 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: Oklahoma Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	OK DOC has a database in which SVORI participants are flagged, as are offenders who were eligible but refused
Local evaluation planned	OK DOC is conducting an in-house evaluation
Program name	Partnership for Reintegration of Offenders Through Employment and Community Treatment in Oklahoma County (PROTECT)—Oklahoma County

OK DOC

PROTECT—Oklahoma County

### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–35, high risk (scored above 29 on the LSI-R), and incarcerated for more than 12 months
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	All State and contract prisons, community corrections centers, and community work centers
Post-release locations	Oklahoma County
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Approximately half on probation or parole supervision; approximately half not under supervision (max-outs)

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Statewide PROTECT Steering Committee
Post-release reentry authority	No reentry authority
Number of phases	3

### *Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs*

**Duration:** 3–6 months

**Assessments:** LSI-R assesses risk and needs; ASUS and MAPP determine need for treatment services; TABE assesses education level; Static-99 is an assessment for sex offenders; and a psychological evaluation

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Participant assigned transition worker from community organization based on needs
- Transition worker helps participant obtain birth certificate, social security card, social security income, veteran's benefits, housing, bus tokens, and vocational training pre-release
- Mentor from faith-based organization begins working with participant
- Transition team formed by the institutional case manager, transition worker, and participant
- Intensive case management provided by transition worker
- Family members included in reentry planning process
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, parenting skills training, domestic violence services, life skills training, anger management, cognitive-behavioral therapy (Thinking for a Change), faith-based services, job interviews via videoconferencing, visitation assistance for families, and sex offender treatment

**Coordination of services:**

- Transition worker and transition team coordinate services at the individual level

### *Phase 2: Community-Based Transition*

**Duration:** 90 days

**Assessments:** LSI-R

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Transition worker transitions with participant to Phase 2, enhancing continuity of care
- Weekly contact with transition worker
- Case management by transition worker
- Monitoring of service receipt by transition worker
- Mentor from faith-based organization who continues working with participant
- PROTECT-specific support groups
- Supervision by PROTECT-specific probation officer for offenders released on probation
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence services, batterer intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, legal aid, financial assistance for school/vo-tech, assistance with electricity and utility bills, food stamps, job placement, bus passes and other transportation services, family services, ABE/GED program, computer resources, reintegration workshops (goal setting, self-esteem building, employability skills development), and screening and referral for infectious diseases

**Coordination of services:**

- Program staff from Community Corrections coordinate services at the aggregate level

### *Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support*

**Duration:** 21–33 months (24–36 months post-release)

**Assessments:** No specific assessments are used in this phase

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Transition worker transitions with participant to Phase 3
- Case management by transition worker up to 1 year post-release
- Offender continues to receive appropriate community services initiated in Phase 2
- Community agencies continue to document contacts and progress/problems
- Mentor from faith-based organization continues working with participant
- Probation/parole officer supervises offenders released under supervision

**Coordination of services:**

- Transition worker coordinates services for first year in the community
- Program staff from community corrections coordinate services at the aggregate level

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

## System-level changes

- Greater communication and coordination of services among OK DOC and community agencies, especially the two workforce offices and the mental health and substance abuse treatment providers
- Greater communication between OK DOC and Community Corrections
- Regular communication among program staff from Community Corrections, supervision officers, and transition workers
- Program staff from Community Corrections to monitor service availability and coordinate services at the system level
- One probation officer for all PROTECT participants on probation

## Individual-level changes

- Transition worker to coordinate services and provide intensive case management
- Transition worker in-reach 6 months pre-release
- Post-release services lined up while participant is still incarcerated
- Regular communication between transition worker and supervision officer
- Support groups exclusively for PROTECT participants

## SVORI Grantee: Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Three databases in which SVORI participants can be identified; one SVORI-specific database (developed and maintained by local evaluator)
Local evaluation planned	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) is conducting the local evaluation
Program name	Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative

## TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Ages 12–20 and must have a primary caregiver (regardless of biological relationship)
Exclusion criteria	Youth who are suicidal, homicidal, or psychotic; youth who are living independently
Pre-release facilities	All secure juvenile institutions and level E secure facilities
Post-release locations	Five counties in the Oklahoma City metroplex: Oklahoma, Logan, Cleveland, Canadian, and Pottawatomie
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All youth under supervision (comparable to probation/parole) until released by court
Steering committee	Yes
Post-release reentry authority	Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)
Number of phases	3

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

**Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs****Duration:** 6–18 months**Assessments:** YLSI assesses risk and needs**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management by Juvenile Justice Specialist (JJS) from Juvenile Services Unit of OJA (comparable to probation/parole)
- Treatment plan developed by institution staff
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical and dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, parenting skills training, life skills training, aggression replacement, faith-based services, family counseling, recreational therapy, health education, mentoring, and sex offender treatment
- No SVORI-specific pre-release services or programming

**Coordination of services:**

- Institution staff coordinates services

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition (pre- and post-release)****Duration:** Pre-release component is 1 month. Post-release component is 3–6 months.**Assessments:** YLSI readministered; Adapted version of National Youth Survey; CBCL-parent report; MST model includes ongoing assessment process**Components/services offered within phase:**

- SVORI Project Director meets with offender, offender's family, institution staff, probation/parole officer, evaluator, advocate defender, and post-release service providers
- Offender is randomly assigned to one of two treatment interventions: Multisystemic Therapy (MST) or standard Oklahoma probation services (Community At-Risk Services [CARS])
- MST group receives structured, systemic aftercare with intensive family involvement and closer monitoring. Services address juvenile's risks and needs in five domains: individual, family, peer, school, and community.
- CARS group receives available services, which can include individual counseling, general life skills training, parenting skills training, and family counseling
- Individualized treatment plan developed by MST or CARS provider
- Case management by JJS
- Intensive supervision by JJS for first 30 days post-release
- Supervision by JJS continues until offender is released for custody by court
- JJS brokers services, monitors service use, and reports delinquency to courts

**Coordination of services:**

- Project Director coordinates initial meeting with key players at beginning of Phase 2
- JJS coordinates offender-level services for CARS group; JJS and MST provider coordinate offender-level services for MST group
- OJA coordinates system-level services

**Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support****Duration:** Varies (6–24 months on average); function of the length of post-release supervision period, which can last up to 2 years**Assessments:** Adapted version of National Youth Survey; CBCL-parent report**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management and supervision by JJS (for offenders still under supervision in Phase 3)
- Follow-up data collection activities at 6 months and 12 months post-release

**Coordination of services:**

- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) evaluation staff coordinate follow-up data collection activities

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- Contract with OUHSC for evaluation; OUHSC contracted service provider to hire and train MST therapists
- Use of MST for aftercare
- Communication and collaboration between MST therapist and Juvenile Services Unit for case management and service coordination

**Individual-level changes**

- Comprehensive, integrated services for offenders in MST group