

SECTION 4 | SVORI Program Details by State

This section describes the 69 grantees funded by SVORI. The information is organized by State (including the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and is based on proposals and workplans submitted by the grantees, telephone interviews with program directors, and site visits to selected grantees. All acronyms and abbreviations referenced in this section are defined in Appendix C.

The summary for each *State* begins with an overview of the SVORI grant organization describing the distribution and target populations of grantees and administrative programs throughout the State.⁷ When available, the rationale for selection of the target areas or demographics (as reported by grantees) is provided. Adult admission and release trends⁸ are included as additional context for jurisdictions targeting adults; equivalent juvenile data were not available across all States.

A *grantee* overview follows and includes the address for the local SVORI website (when available), descriptive information regarding the grantee's data management system and local evaluation plans, and a listing of the individual SVORI programs operated by the grantee.

Each SVORI *program* is then described in detail, including the target population, inclusion criteria, pre-release facilities involved, steering committees involved, and communities to which released prisoners are returning. The individual programs are depicted according to the phases participants go through as they prepare for return to the community. The majority of the programs are implementing three phases, generally including pre- and post-release programming and long-term support.

The description of each of the program phases includes an identification of specific risk and needs assessments administered, the duration of the phase, components and services offered within the phase, and a description of service coordination activities. Within the description of components, unique aspects of the program are highlighted, including descriptions of reentry planning, case management, and specialized services. The more typical reentry services (e.g., substance abuse treatment, mental health services, education) are listed together. Each program description concludes with an overview of system-level and individual-level changes intended to result from SVORI funding as reported by the projects.⁹

Although every effort has been made to present the information contained in this section consistently, the following summaries are based primarily on project director reports and therefore vary widely. Much of the reported information reflects each grantee's planned activities and components. Although this information was verified by project directors and grant coordinators in June and July 2004, the implementation status of such activities and components is not addressed in this report. This report documents the presence of many of the common themes noted across programs (e.g., case management, project governance, cross-agency interaction); an implementation assessment being conducted as part of the SVORI Multi-site Evaluation will present such activities with more systematic detail.

⁷ Each State has a unique configuration of grantees and programs within its jurisdiction.

⁸ Adult admission and release trends were compiled from several sources and are referenced in each State summary.

⁹ System-level changes include organizational changes such as new collaboration among community agencies, and individual-level changes include participant-specific changes such as increased availability of services.