

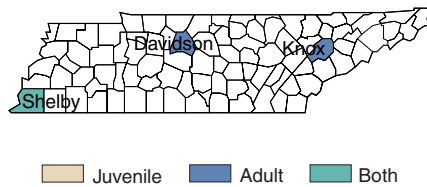
# TENNESSEE

## SVORI Grantees in Tennessee

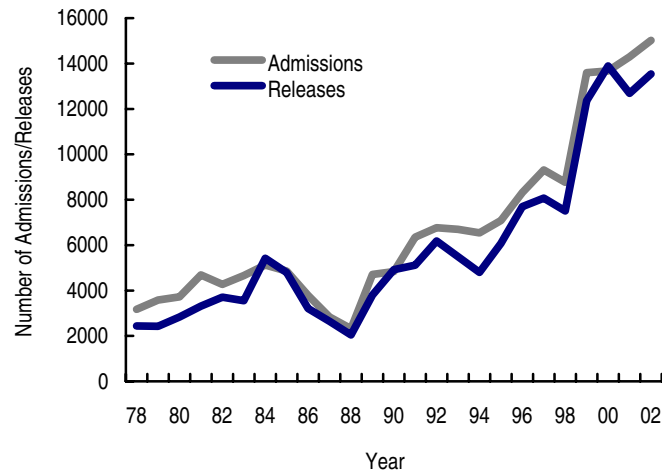
- Tennessee Department of Corrections (TN DOC)
- Tennessee Department of Children's Services (TN DCS)

Tennessee has two SVORI grantees: one focused on adults returning to Shelby, Davidson, and Knox counties (depicted in the map below) and one focused on juveniles returning to Shelby County. Shelby County is the largest urban area in the State and has the highest percentage of adult releases in addition to the highest delinquency rate. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Tennessee over a 24-year period.

Tennessee SVORI Target Areas



Tennessee 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: Tennessee Department of Corrections

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|--------------------------|---|
| SVORI website            | <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/correction/inmateprograms/bridges.html">http://www.state.tn.us/correction/inmateprograms/bridges.html</a> |
| Data management system   | Using a SVORI-specific MIS  |
| Local evaluation planned | Dr. Nana Landen Berger will conduct a local evaluation  |
| Program name             | Tennessee Bridges   |

TN DOC

Tennessee Bridges

### TARGET POPULATION

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Population type              | Adult males   |
| Number of targeted prisoners | 201+  |
| Inclusion criteria           | Minimum confinement of 12 months, history of violence or an inability to conform to the accepted rules of society, at least 24 months remaining in sentence, and a risk assessment score of 10 and above (violent offenses) or 13 and above (property crimes) |
| Exclusion criteria           | Sex offenders   |
| Pre-release facilities       | Statewide adult prisons   |
| Post-release locations       | Shelby, Davidson, and Knox counties   |
| Participation                | Voluntary   |
| Legal release status         | All participants are under parole supervision   |

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

|                                |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Steering committee             | Reentry Steering Committee (RSC)     |
| Post-release reentry authority | Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) |
| Number of phases               | 3                                    |

**Phase 1: Institutional Readiness****Duration:** 12 months

**Assessments:** The Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) and Institutional Parole Officer (IPO) administer a needs assessment and risk prediction instrument (developed by BOPP). There are also mandatory education, mental health, and substance abuse assessments.

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Provide case management
- Create an Offender Reentry Plan
- Offer orientation to inform the offender about Tennessee Bridges guidelines, expectations, and stipulations
- Convene Tennessee Bridges Societal Readiness Program
- Lead members in conducting a self-image assessment followed by sessions on self-concept, self-esteem, self-confidence, and emotion, and a post-test
- Assign a community-based mentor
- Conduct Survival Skills Instruction
- Require completion of a 10-week cognitive-based drug education program
- Provide Intensive Job Readiness Training
- Offer the following specific targeted services, as needed: housing assistance, parenting skill-building, faith-based services, mental health counseling, and anger management training

**Coordination of services:**

- An appropriate community-based public safety collaborative will begin working with the offender in concert with the offender's case manager

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition Program****Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Complete a new risk and needs assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Release Offender to pre-selected halfway house
  - Update reentry plan based on new assessment
  - House offenders at halfway houses for 3 to 6 months
  - Continue to provide weekly face-to-face contact with their case manager during the first 4 weeks of community supervision, followed by bimonthly contacts for the duration of Phase 2
  - Perform random drug testing of offenders
  - Provide job retention training
  - Provide mental health and substance abuse treatment
  - Provide a list of activities to offenders to participate in during their days off from work, including Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous, parenting classes, anger/stress management sessions, money management, and community service/restorative justice
  - Maintain contact with offender's personal social support network (if deemed positive by RSC)
  - Provide mentoring and ongoing community support after release from halfway house
- Coordination of services:**
- Continue Phase 2 service coordination by case manager

**Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support****Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Reassess every 6 months to measure progress and determine continued need for services

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Transition offender to either family or residential living
- Provide 6 months of intensive aftercare with ongoing support as needed
- Maintain case management services
- Assist offender in developing resources on an as-needed basis (e.g., assisting ex-offender with job retention, securing needed counseling/support services, and securing employment if ex-offender loses job or if re-location does not support current employment)
- Follow up with employers and offenders monthly or more often if needed
- Facilitate the continued involvement of mentors with offenders

**Coordination of services:**

- Continue coordination by the Tennessee Bridges Reentry Case Management/ Transition Team

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

## System-level changes

- Transportation of inmates to job interviews by security staff members
- Increased work release opportunities
- Payment of offenders to attend programs, making attendance more equivalent to having a job
- Family involvement prior to release
- Increased use of electronic monitoring
- Significantly smaller case loads for parole officers

## Individual-level changes

- Increased frequency of case management
- Intensive pre-release planning

## SVORI Grantee: Tennessee Department of Children's Services

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|--------------------------|---|
| SVORI website            | None  |
| Data management system   | Microsoft Access Database                             |
| Local evaluation planned | Outcome data will be collected beginning in July 2004 |
| Program name             | Tennessee Intensive Aftercare Program                 |

## TARGET POPULATION

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Population type              | Juvenile males   |
| Number of targeted prisoners | 101–150  |
| Inclusion criteria           | Violent or sex offenders   |
| Exclusion criteria           | None   |
| Pre-release facilities       | Shelby Training Center, Wilder Youth Development Center, and the Youth Habilitation Center |
| Post-release locations       | Shelby County  |
| Participation                | Voluntary  |
| Legal release status         | Most participants are under house arrest   |

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Steering committee             | Local Planning and Advisory Committee                          |
| Post-release reentry authority | Juvenile Court and Tennessee Department of Children's Services |
| Number of phases               | 3  |

*Phase 1*

**Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Assess risk and needs, including educational progress, mental health, substance abuse, family and peer relationships, community involvement, recidivism, and anger management

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Create a reentry plan
- Counsel and involve family prior to release
- Furnish educational services
- Offer mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Provide sex offender treatment
- Teach independent living and social skills

**Coordination of services:**

- Aftercare staff will provide coordination of services

*Phase 2*

**Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Reassess risk and needs, including educational progress, mental health, substance abuse, family and peer relationships, community involvement, recidivism, and anger management. Assess youth satisfaction with program.

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Provide intensive case management and transition services
- Supply mental health treatment, including individual counseling and peer counseling groups
- Counsel parents and families
- Lead value trainings
- Enforce a mandatory level of school attendance and performance
- Tutor youth who are experiencing difficulty meeting educational objectives
- Assist youth in finding and retaining a job
- Require involvement in public service activities
- Offer adventure-based activity to foster trust and dependence on others, enhance self-esteem, and impart a sense of success and ability to overcome challenges
- Provide substance abuse treatment and perform random drug screens
- Require completion of a parenting course for youth who have children

**Coordination of services:**

- The aftercare case manager leads the transition/treatment team and is responsible for coordinating service delivery

*Phase 3*

**Duration:** 6 months

**Assessments:** Reassess risk and needs, including educational progress, mental health, substance abuse, family and peer relationships, community involvement, recidivism, and anger management. Assess youth satisfaction with program.

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Focus on independent living
- Decrease case management
- Encourage participation in extra-curricular activities and community programs
- Provide career planning

**Coordination of services:**

- The aftercare case manager continues to lead the transition/treatment team and coordinate service delivery

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

### System-level changes

- Decreased case loads for case managers
- Improved focus on family involvement

### Individual-level changes

- Increased frequency of case management contacts with youth