

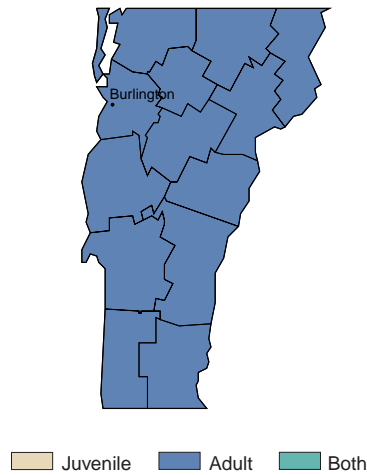
# VERMONT

## SVORI Grantees in Vermont

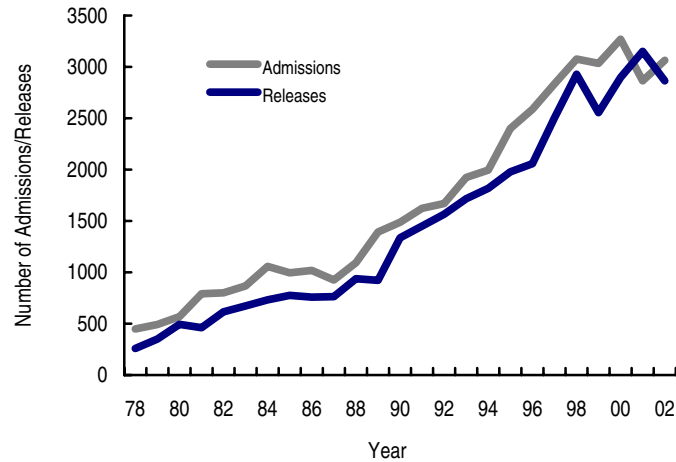
- Vermont Department of Corrections (VT DOC)

Vermont has one SVORI grantee focused on adults returning statewide (depicted in the map below). The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Vermont over a 24-year period.

Vermont SVORI Target Areas



Vermont 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: Vermont Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	VT DOC has an MIS that identifies SVORI participants
Local evaluation planned	VT DOC is conducting a process evaluation
Program name	Restorative Reentry

### VT DOC

### Restorative Reentry

#### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults and juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Serious crimes, high risk for reoffending, and +R47 minimum sentence 1 year
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	All State prisons
Post-release locations	Statewide
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	All participants are released on conditional supervision

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Yes
Post-release reentry authority	VT DOC, Commissioner of Corrections
Number of phases	3

**Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs****Duration:** 12 months +**Assessments:** Risk: LSI-R, RRASOR, SARA, Static-99, VASOR, and VRAG; Needs: DAST, MAST, ASI, Hare PCL, and CSS\_M**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Responsibility contracting through the Offender Responsibility Curriculum
- Developing Offender Responsibility Plan (ORP), a restorative process, with input from the offender, and family members, as well as from the victim
- Participating in restorative processes with the victim, coordinated by victim liaisons, toward the definition of the elements of the draft ORP, if requested by the victim
- Appointing Reentry Panels (Transition Team) that comprise trained community volunteers
- Assessing outcomes using the Process Evaluation Offender Outcomes
- Participating in needs-reducing programs such as sex offender treatment, violent offender treatment, intensive substance abuse treatment, and educational and vocational training
- Incorporating cognitive-behavioral components in treatment programs
- Allowing video-conferencing and visits while in prison to meet with community service providers or family
- Availability of services including health, criminogenic treatment, mental health services, and faith-based services

**Coordination of services:**

- Restorative Reentry Panel meets with each offender, develops the ORP, and works with the offender and community service providers to solicit input, assess progress, identify barriers, and define gaps in service and responsibility for reducing those barriers

**Phase 2: Community-Based Transition****Duration:** 6 months**Assessments:** Reassessment to determine the levels of service needs in housing, employment, substance abuse, mental health, family integration, financial status, education, and training, as well as ongoing cognitive-behavioral treatment requirements to address criminogenic need**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Treatment of alcohol and other substance abuse problems, domestic violence services, mental health services, and criminogenic treatment services
- Access to community services such as training, education, employment assistance, housing, and counseling
- Outpatient substance abuse services provided through the ISAP (Intensive Substance Abuse Program) linked with in-patient (incarcerated) services, Cognitive Self Change programs, and Sex Offender programs
- If released on Conditional Reentry, offenders are required to address their ORP, focused on program needs, work, and community restitution
- Restorative Reentry Panel meets with the offender at 3-month intervals to assess progress
- Integrated case management where representatives from multiple community service providers and/or corrections/supervision agencies meet to discuss and work on particular cases

**Coordination of services:**

- Restorative Reentry Panel meets with the offender to assess progress and discuss readiness for pre-release furloughs

**Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support****Duration:** 12 months**Assessments:** Participants are reassessed for evaluation purposes at 12 months post-release**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Continuing support from Restorative Reentry Panel
- Reassess and subject to post-testing, for evaluation purposes, 12 months from release
- Parallel process for and with the victim using the Victim Safety Plan will be implemented as a joint endeavor by the VT DOC and Vermont Office of Crime Victims Services, as well as many local and statewide victim service organizations
- Ongoing monitoring by caseworker, treatment team, the Restorative Reentry Panel, community members, and the supervising officer
- Relapse Intervention in which the Restorative Reentry Panel may be reconvened to adjust treatment and intervention plans or to adjust offender responsibilities

**Coordination of services:**

- Partnerships at the community level with law enforcement, community board members, treatment providers, recovering community, corrections staff, and employers

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- Increased involvement with partners
- Accelerated awareness to involve community (better integration)
- Recognition that evidence-based services are necessary

**Individual-level changes**

- Use of Offender Responsibility Plan and Restorative Reentry Panel
- Offender involvement with the community and government
- Tighter connection among identification of needs, service planning, and service delivery for each offender