

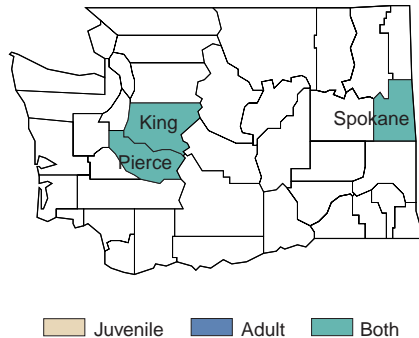
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SVORI Grantees in Washington

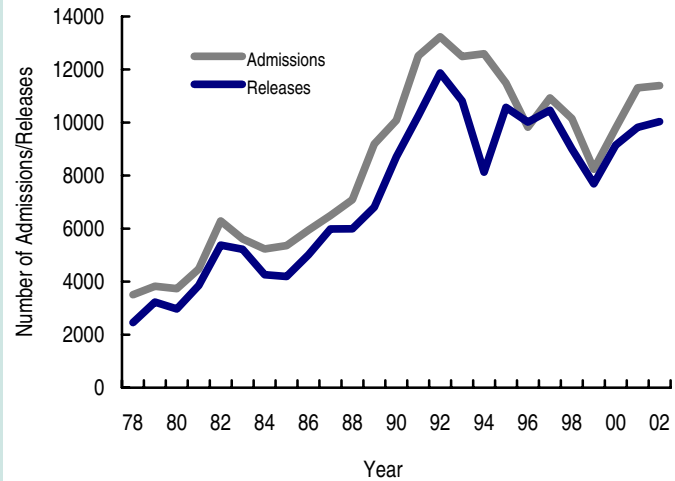
- Washington State Department of Corrections (WA DOC)

Washington has one SVORI grantee focused on adult and juvenile offenders returning to King, Pierce, and Spokane counties (depicted in the map below). The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Washington over a 24-year period.

Washington SVORI Target Areas



Washington 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: Washington State Department of Corrections

SVORI website	http://www.goinghomewashington.net/
Data management system	WA DOC has an MIS that identifies SVORI participants
Local evaluation planned	The WA Institute for Public Policy is conducting a local evaluation
Program name	Washington “Going Home”

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TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults and juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	201+
Inclusion criteria	Under age 35 prior to release; Adults—“High five”: (1) high-risk (LSI 41+ or at least one violent conviction), (2) high-needs (disabled or other health problems), (3) sex offenders, (4) dangerously mentally ill offenders, or (5) imminent risk or threat; Juveniles—slated for intensive parole
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	Statewide adult prison and juvenile detention facilities
Post-release locations	The three counties with the highest number of releases: King, Pierce, and Spokane
Participation	Mandatory
Legal release status	Most enrollees are released under parole supervision

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Statewide Reentry Team
Post-release reentry authority	No specific reentry authority
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Reentry Planning

Duration: At least 9 months

Assessments: Adults: LSI-R; Juveniles: Initial Security Classification Assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- Transition planning team is formed
- The prisoner, family members, and any victims are included as active participants in the creation and development of the reentry plan prior to release
- A mentor is recruited from the prisoner’s home community
- Treatment plans and release plans are tailored to the individual risk and/or needs of the prisoner
- A community readiness team is formed to work with and support the released prisoner throughout all three phases
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, victim awareness training, mentoring, and sexual deviancy treatment

Coordination of services:

- Institutional Risk Management Specialist to coordinate services
- Institutional Transition Planning Team
- Videoconferencing to facilitate communication with the mentor and other community members
- Shared agency protocols regarding how service provision is approached

Phase 2: Supervision

Duration: 1 year

Assessments: No specific assessments are used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Community readiness team continues to work with released prisoners
- Mentor continues to work with released prisoners
- Community Risk Management Specialist works intensively with each released prisoner during the first 3 months of supervision
- Released prisoners under parole supervision work with a Community Corrections Officer (or Juvenile Rehabilitation Intensive Parole Counselor)
- Specific services begun in prison are continued as needed
- Includes community restoration activities

Coordination of services:

- County reentry team coordinates system issues
- Community Advisor (one per county) coordinates service availability

Phase 3: Post-Supervision

Duration: At least 1 year

Assessments: No specific assessments are used in this phase

Components/services offered within phase:

- Community readiness team (now under the direction of the mentor) continues to work with and support the released prisoner
- Continued encouragement to utilize available services as needed

Coordination of services:

- County reentry team coordinates system issues
- Community Advisor (one per county) coordinates service availability

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Use of multi-level teams (statewide, system-level, and prisoner-specific)
- Intensive community marketing
- Development of a "Reentry Academy" to provide training
- Implementation and use of videoconferencing to communicate within and across organizations and to connect the prisoner to community members prior to release
- Change in institutional culture to emphasize the positive over the negative

Individual-level changes

- Focus on reentry and transition to the community at entry to prison
- Community preparation for the prisoner's return before release
- New reentry curriculum
- Prisoner-specific teams
- Assignment of mentor from the prisoner's home community
- Intensive monitoring and support during the first 3 months of reentry
- Continued post-supervision activities