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## SVORI Grantees in Wisconsin

- Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC)

Wisconsin has one SVORI grantee focused on juveniles returning to Brown and Milwaukee counties (depicted in the map below). During 2001–2002, a task force from the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) determined that youth in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program (SJOP) presented the highest level of challenge and risk to the

Wisconsin SVORI Target Areas



community. In order for youth to be placed in SJOP, their offenses must qualify under the SJOP statute, and they must present a significant risk to the community if not placed in a secure facility. SJOP youth remain in juvenile correctional institutions longer than other juvenile offenders do (and they also remain under community supervision longer); longer periods of incarceration afford greater opportunities to provide comprehensive services and to prepare youth for reentry. The Going Home project will also consider serious and violent juvenile offenders who were adjudicated for an offense included in the SJOP statute but who were not placed in SJOP, and other youth with serious offense histories at high risk of reoffending.

## SVORI Grantee: Wisconsin Department of Corrections

SVORI website	<a href="http://www.wi-doc.com/going_home.htm">http://www.wi-doc.com/going_home.htm</a>
Data management system	Juvenile Justice Information System
Local evaluation planned	Yes
Program name	Wisconsin Going Home

### WI DOC

### Going Home

#### TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100
Inclusion criteria	Ages 14–25; SJOP offenders; those who have committed violent offenses (1st and 2nd degree intentional homicide, 1st degree reckless homicide, 1st degree sexual assault, kidnapping, arson, armed burglary, and robbery); and history of 2 or more adjudications (not required, but favored)
Exclusion criteria	None
Pre-release facilities	All State secured juvenile correctional facilities
Post-release locations	Brown and Milwaukee counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Most participants are transferred to an institution-without-walls status known as “Type 2 secured” correctional facility (i.e., not released or paroled, but transferred to community while retaining institution status)

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Wisconsin Going Home Steering Committee
Post-release reentry authority	Office of Juvenile Offender Review
Number of phases	3

**Phase 1: Institutional**

**Duration:** 6 months minimum (generally 15–20 months)

**Assessments:** Wisconsin Juvenile Aftercare Risk Assessment, Wisconsin Delinquency Youth Assessment, and Wisconsin Delinquency Family Assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Life Work Education (LWE) integrates age-appropriate career development competencies and assists the student in relating those skills to the working world
- Juvenile Cognitive Interventions Program (JCIP), a cognitive restructuring program designed to help youth build cognitive skills
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, and a serious sex offender program
- Reentry Case Manager (RCM) and the Transition Team, consists of the youth,

parent/guardian, treatment social worker, reintegration social worker, teacher, field agent, and other persons and agencies central to the youth's reentry plan

**Coordination of services:**

- RCM will work with family to identify the academic and employment needs of parents and siblings

**Phase 2: Transition**

**Duration:** 4 months minimum

**Assessments:** Wisconsin Juvenile Aftercare Risk Assessment, Wisconsin Delinquency Youth Assessment, and Wisconsin Delinquency Family Assessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Workforce development program to provide youth who meet the out-of-school definition an opportunity to transition workforce development and education programming from the institution to the community
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, LWE, JCIP, employment skills/vocational training, education, crisis stabilization, mentoring, and housing assistance

**Coordination of services:**

- RCM and the Transition Team

**Phase 3: Stabilization**

**Duration:** 6 months minimum (may be up to 24 months)

**Assessments:** Youth Risk Reassessment

**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, medical services, dental services, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, and sex offender treatment

**Coordination of services:**

- RCM and the Transition Team

## CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

**System-level changes**

- WI DOC's Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) will compare and contrast the implementation of the Going Home project in the two settings (Milwaukee and Brown counties), which have differing demographics, to evaluate its effectiveness across settings
- DJC will build effective aspects of the Going Home model to serve its overall institution and field operations as appropriate

**Individual-level changes**

- Needs assessment conducted prior to release to assist in development of reentry plan
- Transition Team used in the facility and in the community to work with specific offenders
- Community service partners come into the institution and meet with the offenders
- Representatives from multiple agencies meet to discuss specific cases