

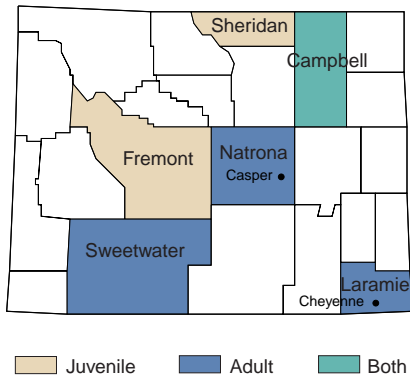
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SVORI Grantees in Wyoming

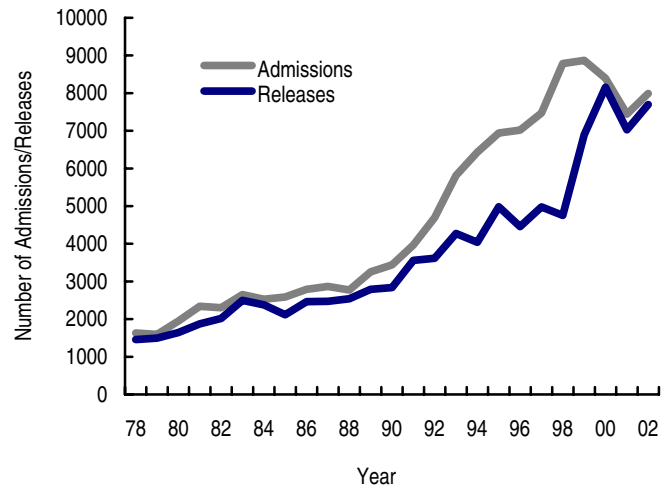
- Wyoming Department of Corrections (WY DOC)

Wyoming has one SVORI grantee with two administratively distinct reentry programs. One program targets adult offenders returning to Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, and Sweetwater counties (depicted in the map below), and the other targets juvenile offenders returning to Campbell, Fremont, and Sheridan counties (also shown). The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Wyoming over a 24-year period.

Wyoming SVORI Target Areas



Wyoming 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: Wyoming Department of Corrections

SVORI website	None
Data management system	Using a SVORI-specific MIS
Local evaluation planned	The WY Statistical Analysis Center is conducting local evaluations
Program names	Wyoming Reentry Program for Adults Wyoming Reentry Program for Juveniles

WY DOC: PROGRAM 1

Reentry Program for Adults

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female adults
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100
Inclusion criteria	Ages 18–35, violent criminal history, and high risk of recidivism
Exclusion criteria	Offenders who, as a result of forensic assessment, are considered to present an undue risk to the community
Pre-release facilities	Wyoming State Penitentiary (Rawlins) and Wyoming Women's Center (Lusk)
Post-release locations	Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, and Sweetwater counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Participants are under parole supervision

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Reentry Program Steering Committee—State-level coordinating team
Post-release reentry authority	Wyoming Board of Parole
Number of phases	3

Phase 1

Duration: 10–12 months

Assessments: LSI-R, ASI, TABE, ONET Assessment Inventories, and if indicated the MMPI, PCL-R, HCR-20, SVR-20, VRAG, and SORAG

Components/services offered within phase:

- Offenders are assigned to a Community Reentry Case Manager who is responsible for facilitating assessment and case planning
- Offenders are assigned to a caseworker at the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services who will assess their skills and provide community, economic, and workforce outlook information and an overview of the workforce programs and services available in the community where the offender intends to return (including information on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program)
- Offenders are provided with information on I-9 forms, the Federal Bonding Program, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and Welfare-to-Work programs
- 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, cognitive behavior program, and faith-based services

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Team

Phase 2

Duration: 10–12 months

Assessments: LSI-R, ASI, COMPAS (expected), and any other clinically relevant mental health or substance abuse assessments

Components/services offered within phase:

- Ongoing assessment and, case management is provided by the offenders Community Reentry Case Manager
- Services initiated in Phase 1 are continued
- Job development activities, such as presentations, job search tools, and Labor Exchange, are intensified through services provided at One-Stop Centers
- Support is provided in accessing Food Stamps, TANF, and vocational rehabilitation services

Coordination of services:

- Intensive Supervision Program Agent or Parole Agent and the Community Reentry Case Manager

Phase 3

Duration: 9–12 months

Assessments: LSI-R, ASI, COMPAS (anticipated), and other mental health and substance abuse assessments as clinically indicated

Components/services offered within phase:

- Services initiated in earlier phases are continued as needed

Coordination of services:

- Community Reentry Case Manager remains involved; however, the Community Transition Team takes a more active role

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Regular feedback mechanism among agencies to ensure that the collaboration is working
- Task force of agencies to set guidelines for supervision of offenders returning to the community
- Community Transition Team that meets with offenders post-release as part of the supervision process
- Specific case manager from a community-based organization who brokers post-release services
- Permission for community service providers to come into the institution to meet with offenders

Individual-level changes

- Involvement of offenders’ families in reentry planning
- Use of needs and risk assessments to develop a reentry plan
- Use of a transition team that includes staff from within the institution and from community agencies
- Provision of a core curriculum to offenders prior to release

TARGET POPULATION

Population type	Male and female juveniles
Number of targeted prisoners	51–100
Inclusion criteria	Ages 14–17 serious and violent offenders
Exclusion criteria	Juveniles who have not been placed at the Wyoming Boys' School and Wyoming Girls' School and/or have been assessed to be low risk
Pre-release facilities	Wyoming Boys' School (Worland) and Wyoming Girls' School (Sheridan)
Post-release locations	Campbell, Fremont, and Sheridan counties
Participation	Voluntary
Legal release status	Most are under the probation supervision of the Wyoming Department of Family Services

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

Steering committee	Reentry Program Steering Committee—State-level coordinating team
Post-release reentry authority	Juvenile Court judges
Number of phases	3

Phase 1: Institutionally Based Programs

Duration: 10–12 months

Assessments: YFS risk and needs assessment, Woodcock-Johnson Educational Achievement Test Battery, and California Achievement Test/5

Components/services offered within phase:

- Individualized education plan based on assessments that are provided to instructors to determine educational tracks
- Mentoring program matching offenders with individuals in occupational fields of interest and arranging for employment either on institutional groups or in the community
- Cultural competency/diversity needs of offender incorporated into the plan
- Specific 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 community service

Coordination of services:

- Aftercare case manager

Phase 2: Community-Based Transition

Duration: 9–12 months

Assessments: YFS risk and needs assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

- Cultural competency/diversity needs of offender are addressed in the plan, including establishing appropriate services
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, employment skills/vocational training, education, housing assistance, parenting skills training, domestic violence prevention and intervention, life skills training, anger management, faith-based services, and community service

Coordination of services:

- Probation officer and aftercare team

Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support

Duration: 10–12 months

Assessments: YFS risk and needs assessment

Components/services offered within phase:

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

Coordination of services:

- Probation officer and aftercare team

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Collaboration among State agencies
- Risk assessment training
- Emphasis on cultural competency of offenders and their families

Individual-level changes

- Incorporation of community service and restitution
- Assignment of community mentors in areas of occupational interest to the offender
- Involvement of offender family members in reentry planning and implementation