

# Serious Violent Reentry Initiative (SVORI)

## Reentry Projects for Inmates with Serious Mental Illness

In 2003, the U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ), Labor (DOL), Education (DOEd), Housing and Urban Development (DHUD), and Health and Human Services (DHHS), funded 69 grantees to implement reentry programs for persons returning to communities from correctional institutions.

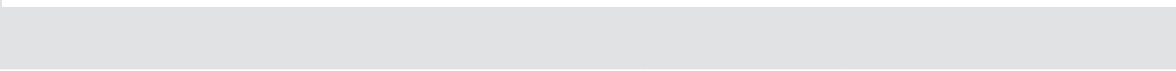
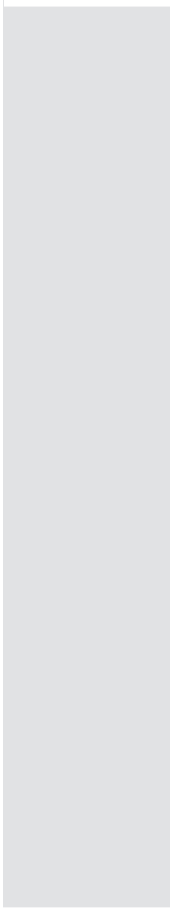
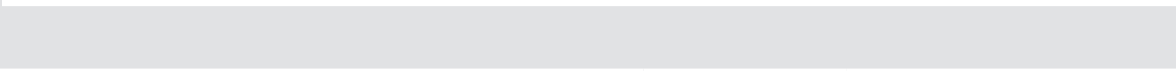
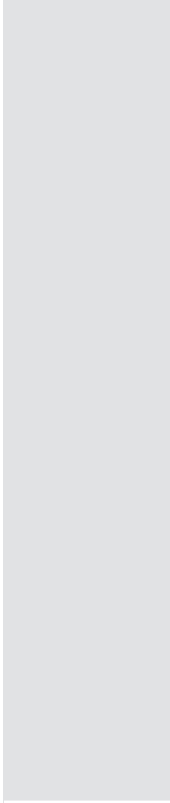
The Serious and Violent Reentry Initiative (SVORI) provided funding to develop reentry strategies focusing on the safety of the community and the reduction of serious, violent crime. Grants to all 50 States, plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands received a total of approximately \$110 million to develop new or expand existing programs offering integrated supervision and reentry services to adults or juveniles leaving correctional facilities. The goal of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI) is to reduce the likelihood of re-incarceration by providing tailored supervision and services to improve the odds for a successful transition to the community. Grantees were permitted to target juvenile and /or adult offenders considered to be a high risk for recidivism who are returning from commitment in a state training school, juvenile, or adult correctional facility, or where appropriate, a residential treatment facility.

The National GAINS Center through a partnership with Caliber Associates developed the accompanying matrix that describes the 11 SVORI Reentry Projects that include offenders with serious mental illnesses returning to the community. Serious Mental Illness (SMI) is defined as a diagnosable mental disorder found in persons aged 18 years and older that is so long lasting and severe that it seriously interferes with a person's ability to take part in major life activities (Source: SAMHSA). We hope that this information will facilitate contacts across states and stimulate more programming for this population. For more information about the SVORI evaluation component, please visit <http://www.svori-evaluation.org>.

	<p>Colorado's program is using grant funds to develop and implement which will target 205 serious and violent offenders each year. This includes 60 adult offenders returning to the Denver area, 25 adult offenders with mental illness and County of Denver.</p> <p>Most of the offenders in this Colorado program have co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and therefore are at high risk for violence, re-offense, and technical violations of parole conditions.</p> <p>tions and incentives to be administered more quickly and</p> <p>is partnering with various agencies to provide services in the areas of workforce participation, housing, family</p>	<p>Adults / Male and Female</p> <p>offenders</p> <p>Persons with SMI included</p>	<p>Mental health treatment</p> <p>Substance abuse treatment</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Faith-based support services</p> <p>Mentoring</p>
	<p>The is a collaboration of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services with the Department of Correc-</p>		



	<p>Minnesota's provides institutional and community-</p> <p>Hennepin County. Participants are randomly selected and must volunteer to participate.</p> <p>for orientation and treatment plan development. Phase</p> <p>informal social control, including informal self-assessments to determine needed services.</p> <p>Mental health agency case managers work with all offenders diagnosed with SMI to connect them with available services.</p>	<p>Adults / Male and Female</p> <p>offenders</p> <p>Persons with SMI included</p>	<p>Community support services</p> <p>training</p> <p>Family support services</p> <p>Housing assistance</p> <p>Incentive-based programming</p>





	<p>monitor participants and impose graduated sanctions for noncompliance, such as loss of privileges, termination from the program, time added to the period of incarceration, and return to a higher level supervision of custody.</p> <p>During Phase I, incarcerated offenders participate in the development of their reentry plan, and communication relationships, employment, and residential planning, with groups to provide a continuum of case management and supervision.</p> <p>In 2006, the program plans to conduct a pilot of an aftercare concept for offenders with SMI being released health unit. The services will include aftercare case management, transportation, and emergency medications for up to 20 offenders at a time.</p>	<p>Adults/ Male and Female</p> <p>Persons with SMI included</p>	<p>Academic and vocational education assessment and opportunities</p> <p>Cognitive restructuring</p> <p>Crime victim awareness training</p> <p>Life skills planning</p> <p>Substance abuse treatment</p> <p>Transportation</p>