



Office of Juvenile Justice  
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# SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY

## PERFORMANCE REPORT

### July-December 2019

**ENHANCING SAFETY • ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY • EMPOWERING YOUTH**

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# INTRODUCTION

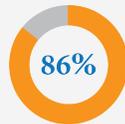
The Second Chance Act (SCA) Reentry grant program, administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), supports grantees and subgrantees from state, local, and tribal government agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees assist youth who are at a moderate- or high-risk for reoffending; under community supervision; and placed in and/or returning from a state, local, or privately-run residential facility. With the support of the SCA Reentry grant program, youth receive treatment, mental health services, and housing assistance to ensure successful reintegration into the community.

OJJDP requires SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees to report on performance measures to demonstrate whether they have achieved their goals and to improve program and policy decisions. This report presents the SCA Reentry program activities occurring between July and December 2019 and highlights grantee and subgrantee results achieved with OJJDP funding.

## Highlights

**13,779**  
NUMBER OF  
YOUTH SERVED

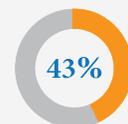
Demonstrating  
Positive Behavior  
Change



Exiting  
Program  
Successfully



Awards  
Implementing  
Evidence-Based Programs



## OVERVIEW OF AWARD INFORMATION

Between July and December 2019, OJJDP's SCA Reentry funded 54 awards. Eighty-nine percent of awards were compliant with reporting ( $n = 48$ ). Grantees sub awarded a portion of or all funds to other organizations. During the activity period, operational<sup>1</sup> awards and subawards ( $n = 30$ ) received \$18.5 million<sup>2</sup> in OJJDP funding (figure 1).

Figure 1. Award Details

**54**  
Total Awards



**89%**  
Compliant with  
Reporting  
Requirements



**30**  
Operational Awards  
(provided services during the period)

**\$18.5**  
Total Funding (in millions)

<sup>1</sup> Grantees and subgrantees have an operational status when they expend funds during an activity period.

<sup>2</sup> Total funding is \$18,478,003. Funding amounts represent the total funding for the life of the award and do not represent actual grantee spending during the activity period. Grantees who are not operational did not provide services and are excluded from the analysis of the program information and performance measures.

## EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS

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OJJDP promotes the use of evidence-based programs, which include program models shown, through rigorous evaluation and replication, to be effective at preventing or reducing juvenile delinquency or related risk factors. SCA Reentry evidence-based programs help facilitate successful youth reintegration into their communities. During the July–December 2019 activity period, 24 percent of awards used one or more evidence-based program or practice ( $n = 13$ ).

## YOUTH SERVED

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Grantees provide information on the number of youth served during each activity period. During the July–December 2019 activity period, SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees served a total of 13,779 youth. Ninety-one percent ( $n = 12,566$ ) received services for the first time and nine percent ( $n = 1,213$ ) of program youth were served using an evidence-based practice model or program.

**12,566**

**Youth Receiving  
Services for the First Time**

## YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY EXITING

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SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees create and define their requirements for successful program completion. At the beginning of their award, grantees and subgrantees set desired program goals, which may include employment or educational attainment. Youth who fulfill all required program obligations successfully exit, while those who fail to complete the requirements are considered to unsuccessfully exit the program. Collectively, grantees and subgrantees reported of the 8,479 youth who exited the reentry program during the activity period, 99 percent ( $n = 8,362$ ) successfully exited (figure 2).

*Figure 2. Percent of Youth Successfully Exiting*



**99%**

**Program Youth Exited  
Program Successfully**

## RECIDIVISM OUTCOMES

To gauge the success of reducing recidivism, grantees and subgrantees report the number of program youth with new adjudications following reentry into the community. During the activity period and up to 6 months after exiting the program, juvenile justice courts adjudicated 63 percent ( $n = 8,414$ ) of youth served for a new offense, including 5,092 youth who were committed to a juvenile residential facility; 3,080 youth who were sentenced to adult prison; and 242 youth who received other<sup>3</sup> sentences. Within 6 to 12 months of exiting the program, juvenile justice courts adjudicated 16 percent ( $n = 58$ ) of youth for a new offense, including 23 youth who were recommitted to a juvenile residential facility, 2 youth who were sentenced to adult prison, and 33 youth who received some other sentence (figure 3).

**Figure 3. Short-Term Recidivism Outcomes<sup>4</sup>**



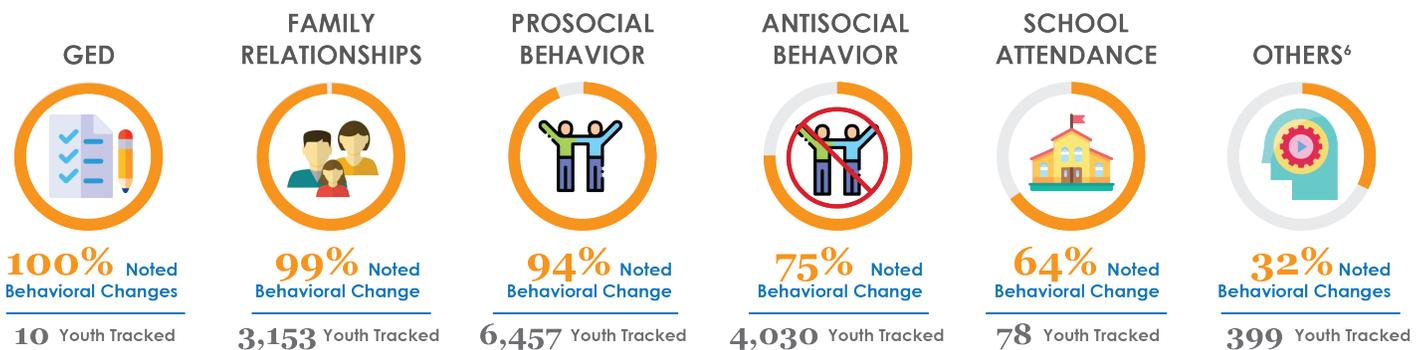
**Figure 4. Long-Term Recidivism Outcomes<sup>5</sup>**



## TARGET BEHAVIORS

SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees track youth for specific behavior changes to demonstrate the program's impact on youth lives in several targeted areas, such as social competence, school attendance, and occupational skills. SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees observed the most significant behavior change in youth receiving services to improve GED, with 100 percent of youth served demonstrating a positive change. Overall, 86 percent of program youth exhibited the desired change in a targeted behavior (figure 5).

**Figure 5. Short-Term Outcome Percentages for the Specified Target Behaviors**



<sup>3</sup> Other sentences may include probation or electronic monitoring.

<sup>4</sup> Short-term includes youth tracked for the behavior of interest who received services during the activity period or youth who exited the program during the activity period.

<sup>5</sup> Long-term includes youth tracked for the behavior of interest who exited the program 6 to 12 months before the start of the activity period.

<sup>6</sup> Others include community involvement, grade point average, gang resistance, occupational skill training, perception of social support, social competence, and substance use treatment.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees provide program youth with services that begin pre-release and continue post-release to ensure successful reintegration into society. Reentry services may include substance use treatment, mental health services, and housing assistance. Substance use treatment services deter, reduce, and eliminate substance use and chemical dependency among program youth. Mental health services focus on helping youth overcome challenges that adversely affected their socialization and development. Housing services help youth and their families locate and retain stable, affordable housing.<sup>7</sup> Overall, SCA Reentry grantees tracked 11,413 assessments to identify service needs, resulting in 7,824 youth enrolled or placed in substance use treatment, mental health services, or housing assistance services (figure 6). Some youth assessed for reentry services in one activity period may not be enrolled until a subsequent activity period.

*Figure 6. Services Provided to Youth*



## CONCLUSION

The primary goals of the SCA Reentry grant program are to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth placed in residential facilities by the juvenile justice system. SCA Reentry grantees and subgrantees customize reentry services to meet the needs of individual youth, encouraging successful program completion and reintegration into the community.

During the July–December 2019 activity period, 30 SCA Reentry awards served a total of 13,779 youth with the support of OJJDP funding. Overall, grantees and subgrantees conducted 11,413 assessments and enrolled 7,824 youth in substance use, mental health, and housing assistance services. Within 6 months of program completion, youth exhibited the most behavioral improvement in GED. Overall, 86 percent of program youth exhibited behavioral improvement in a targeted behavior. Of 8,479 youth exiting the program during the reporting period, 99 percent ( $n = 8,362$ ) successfully completed program requirements. Out of 13,352 youth tracked during the activity period, 37 percent did not recidivate in the short term. These results demonstrate the positive impact of SCA Reentry programs at improving outcomes for at-risk youth returning to the community and society.

<sup>7</sup> Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Fact Sheet on OJJDP Second Chance Act Grant Program Accomplishments. <https://ojjdpmt.ojp.gov/help/SCAFactSheetJan2009Jun2015.pdf>