



# ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

## Fourth Judicial Circuit - Adult Redeploy Illinois

**Goals and ARI background:** *ARI provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions that design evidence-based programs to supervise and treat non-violent offenders in the community instead of sending them to state prisons. ARI is based on the premise that local jurisdictions can reduce crime and the costs of the criminal justice system by understanding and addressing the reasons why people commit crimes. Results expected with ARI include reduced prison overcrowding, lowered cost to taxpayers, and an end to the expensive and vicious cycle of crime and incarceration.*

**Start date:** July 2013; First enrollment: December 2013

**Program model:** Mental health court with veterans treatment track (Christian and Effingham Counties)

**Need for ARI in Fourth Judicial Circuit:** Effingham County Probation, Christian County Probation, and Drug Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit have experienced both high rates of serious mental health disorders in caseloads and high rates of veteran representation. Effingham County has a limited number of mental health treatment providers, lacking resources to partners for mental health services when offenders lack financial resources or insurance. Christian County has adequate mental health capacity but limited access to services for offenders without financial resources or insurance. A need for expanded mental health services, specialized veterans services and enhanced evidence-based practices exists in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

**Evidence-based/promising practices in use:** Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP), *Moral Reconciliation Therapy* (MRT), motivational interviewing, *Seeking Safety*, Cognitive Processing Therapy, mental health court, veterans court, Community Restorative Boards

**Target population and reduction goals:** In recent years (2012-2014), Christian and Effingham Counties committed a total annual average of 65 ARI-eligible (non-violent, probationable) individuals to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The Fourth Judicial Circuit's target population consists of felony offenders with a mental health and/or substance abuse disorder and/or identified as a veteran/service member. Through evidence-based interventions, the Fourth Judicial Circuit pledges to reduce IDOC commitments from this target population by 25%, or by a minimum of 17 individuals a year.

**Overview of jurisdiction:** Nine counties comprise the Fourth Judicial Circuit in the southern portion of central Illinois and two counties, Effingham and Christian, implement the Adult Redeploy Illinois program. The two counties have the highest number of veterans in the Circuit. The counties have similar education statistics: Christian County has a high school graduation rate of 86%, and secondary education rate of 12%, while Effingham County has a high school graduation rate of 89%, with 20% completing secondary education. Effingham County has an unemployment rate of 9% in comparison to Illinois' rate of 10.3%, and Christian has an unemployment rate of 11%. Effingham has a lower percentage of persons living in poverty (10%) compared to Illinois' rate of 13.8%, while Christian County has a higher poverty rate (17%).

### **Program model:**

The mental health court in both counties is coordinated by a Specialty Court Program Case Manager, providing program management, data collection, reporting and direct case management services as determined by each individual treatment plan. The court is comprised of mental health treatment services including psychiatric evaluations, medication stabilization and management, and individual and group counseling. The mental health court with a specialized veterans track consists of four phases:

1. Mental health stabilization
2. Cognitive/life skills building
3. Restorative/reintegration (vocational rehabilitation, employment, or educational services as deemed appropriate)
4. Graduation (proposed program length of 30 months with the discretion to allow early graduation and entry into after-care)

### **Pathways into program:**

1. Triggering infraction/probation violation.
2. Referral made by anyone in judicial system (State's Attorney, Defense Attorney, Probation, law enforcement or treatment provider).
3. Probation conducts initial screening and pre-staffing. Team reviews Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) assessment, and criminal history and determines if further behavioral assessment is needed. If completed, team reviews behavioral health assessment, determines treatment needs, and makes eligibility decision. Ineligible defendants referred to standard case processing.
4. Offenders identified as a veteran or service member receive special consideration to participate in the veterans track. Intake for veterans and service members follow similar intake procedures; Veterans Administration (VA) - Release of Information is obtained.
5. Defendant states and signs agreement to participate. The Specialty Court Program Case Manager completes intake process, including other necessary assessment and probation documentation.

### **Key partners:**

**Program agency and fiscal agent:** Effingham County Probation Department

**Key partners/stakeholders:** Effingham County Probation Department; Christian County Probation Department; Effingham County State's Attorney's Office; Effingham County Public Defender's Office; Christian County Sheriff's Office; Effingham County Drug Court Judge; Christian County Drug Court Judge; treatment providers

**Collaborating social service/treatment providers:** Wellness Loft, Christian County Mental Health Association; Central Illinois Public Transit; Veterans Administration (Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist, Veterans Service Officers); Jewell Psychological Services