



# ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

## Ninth Judicial Circuit - Adult Redeploy Illinois

**Goals and ARI background:** ARI provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions that design evidence-based services 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:** March 1, 2011 (Knox County); July 1, 2013 (Circuit-wide model)

**Grant amount:** \$490,784 in SFY14 (including \$53,924 in supplemental funding)

**Program model:** Circuit-wide drug court

**Need for ARI in the Ninth Judicial Circuit:** Due to the rural and large geographical area of the six-county Ninth Judicial Circuit, drug treatment and other social service options are limited, often cost-prohibitive, and frequently pose transportation issues for individuals and families. Knox County implemented a drug court before Adult Redeploy Illinois funding began in March 2011, however the public defender and the probation officer managed mixed caseloads of both drug court and non-drug court participants. Ninth Judicial Circuit ARI has since expanded to include full-time officers in Fulton, Knox, and McDonough Counties, separate Judges and drug court teams in Fulton, Knox and McDonough Counties, treatment providers for each jurisdiction, and a coordinator overseeing the program. The implementation of ARI-supported drug courts throughout the Circuit, consisting of effective drug treatment, supervision and supportive services addresses the service gaps in the Circuit. This ARI program provides a previously unavailable means for offenders to address addiction and other issues while staying in their local communities and out of IDOC custody.

**Evidence-based/promising practices in use:** LSI-R assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy, *Thinking for a Change*, *Carey Guides*, sanctions and incentives, drug court

**Target population and reduction goals:**

From 2010 to 2012, Fulton, McDonough and Knox Counties committed to IDOC an annual average of 118 offenders who would have been eligible for an ARI-diversion program. Based on recent commitments and the program’s capacity, the reduction goal for the grant period is 39 offenders, or 33% of the target population.

**Overview of jurisdiction:** The Ninth Judicial Circuit is located in north central Illinois and is comprised of six counties: Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren. The Circuit has seen a decreasing population in recent years and has a mostly rural demographic. Fulton County’s largest city is Canton, with a population of 18,288. Lewistown, the county seat, has a population of 2,522. The nearest inpatient drug treatment facility is in Peoria, about 40 miles from Lewistown. The largest town in Knox County is Galesburg with a population of about 32,195. Major employers for the area are the railroad, a medium security prison and the hospitals. Some Knox residents are employed in farming. McDonough’s county seat, Macomb, has a population of 19,254 and is home to Western Illinois University (WIU).

Ninth Judicial Circuit Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	165,100
Adults (ages 18 and over)	80%
Unemployment rate (2013)	10.3%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	15.3%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	87%
Percent of population with a bachelor’s degree or higher (2012)	19.5%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	604
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	457
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2012)	238
Average daily jail population (six county jails in circuit, 2009)	60 (2008 average county capacity: 256 total, 43 average)

## **Program model:**

The initial ARI-funded Knox and Fulton County Drug Court strategies serve as a model for Warren, McDonough and Henderson Counties. The three drug courts in Fulton, McDonough and Knox have distinct Judges, ARI Officers, treatment providers, State's Attorney representation, defense representation and law enforcement representation. The programs incorporate treatment for participants at North Central Behavioral Health Systems (Fulton), McDonough Hospital (McDonough County), and Bridgeway (Knox). Enhanced supervision, sanctions and incentives, cognitive behavioral *Thinking for a Change* programming, and an attorney are program components available for participants when warranted. Full incorporation of Hancock County and increasing access to Circuit-wide trainings are major goals over the first year of the expanded Circuit plan.

## **Pathways into program:**

Referrals paths vary slightly across the three courts, but referrals primarily come from the drug court judge, state's attorney, a probation officer, law enforcement, or a defense attorney. A felony offense related to substance abuse or a probation violation begins the referral process.

1. State's attorney reviews case.
2. Drug court officer completes a criminal history records check.
3. State's attorney and public defender discuss plea deal.
4. Public defender or defense attorney explain program to defendant to determine agreement/acceptance of program.
5. Upon acceptance, the defendant completes an alcohol and substance abuse screening with the drug court officer.
6. Treatment provider conducts full assessment.
7. Drug court officer and treatment provider present findings to drug court team at next weekly staffing. Team votes on defendant's admission and, if team and defendant accept, defendant begins drug court at next weekly court call.

## **Key partners:**

**Program agency and fiscal agent:** Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Services

**Key partners/stakeholders:** Drug Court Judges; Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Services; Drug Court Attorney; Fulton County State's Attorney's Office; Knox County State's Attorney's Office; McDonough County State's Attorney's Office; Fulton County Public Defender; Knox County Public Defender's Office; McDonough County Sheriff's Office; Canton Police Department; treatment providers

**Collaborating social service/treatment providers:** Bridgeway; McDonough Hospital; North Central Behavioral Health Systems; Statham Long Mitchell, LLC; compliance officers (Fulton)