



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

Fulton County-Adult Redeploy Illinois

Goals and background: *Adult Redeploy Illinois (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: July 1, 2011; First enrollment: September 29, 2011

Grant amount: \$106,490

Program model: Drug court

Need for ARI in Fulton County: Due to the rural nature of Fulton County, drug treatment and other social service options are limited, often cost-prohibitive, and frequently pose transportation issues for individuals and families. The implementation of an ARI-supported drug court, consisting of effective drug treatment and transportation assistance for offenders, addresses the service gaps in Fulton County. 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* curriculum, drug court

Target population and reduction goals: From 2007 to 2009, Fulton County committed to IDOC an annual average of 24 offenders who would have been eligible for diversion to a drug court program. Fulton County’s 25% reduction goal for the grant period, based on recent commitment levels within the target population, is eight.

Overview of jurisdiction: Rural Fulton County is located in west central Illinois, bordered on the southwest by 30 miles of the Illinois River. Mostly farm country and timberland, Fulton County’s largest city is Canton, with a population of 18,288. Lewistown, the county seat, has a population of 2,522. Median household income was \$41,268 between 2006 and 2010. The city of Peoria in neighboring Peoria County is about 40 miles from Lewistown, providing the nearest inpatient drug treatment facility to Fulton County. The contracting ARI outpatient treatment provider is located in Canton, 17.5 miles from the Fulton County Court House.

Fulton County characteristics

Characteristics	Total
Population (2010)	37,069
Adults (ages 18 and over)	79% of population
Unemployment rate (2012)	12%
Percent of population below poverty line (2010)	14%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2010)	84%
Percent of population with a bachelor’s degree or higher (2010)	13%
Adult felony probation caseload (2010)	150
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2010)	62
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2010)	37
Average daily jail population (2009)	60 (2008 capacity: 65)

Program model:

Fulton County's ARI-supported drug court program consists of four phases of varying levels of treatment, supervision, sanctions, and incentives, lasting for a minimum of 12 months. Probation officers assigned to the drug court provide supervision and also facilitate *Thinking for a Change* groups, an evidence-based program focused on cognitive restructuring, social skill building and problem solving. North Central Behavioral Health Systems provides substance abuse treatment using the Gorski model. Transportation assistance facilitates travel between court and treatment in the rural county, while incentives and random drug testing encourage participation and compliance.

Pathways into the program:

A referral to the Fulton County drug court may 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 for general eligibility to determine whether drug court officer will investigate criminal history records.
2. Drug court officer conducts records check.
3. State's attorney and public defender discuss plea deal.
4. Public defender explains program to defendant to determine agreement/acceptance of program.
5. Upon acceptance, the defendant completes an alcohol and substance abuse screening (MAST/DAST) with the drug court officer.
6. Treatment provider conducts assessment.
7. Drug court officer and treatment provider present findings to drug court team. Team votes on defendant's drug court admission and if team and defendant accept, defendant begins drug court at next weekly court call.

Key partners:

Lead agency and fiscal agent: 9th Judicial Circuit Court Services

Key partners/stakeholders: Drug Court Judge; 9th Judicial Circuit Court Services; Fulton County Probation Department; Fulton County ARI; Fulton County State's Attorney Office; Fulton County Public Defender's Office; Treatment Provider

Contracting social service/treatment providers: North Central Behavioral Health Systems