



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

Knox 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: March 1, 2011; First enrollment: April 1, 2011

Grant amount: \$250,000

Supplemental Funding Requested: (January 2012): \$50,000 granted; for \$300,000 total

Program model: Expanded drug court

Need for ARI in Knox County: The high number of individuals on probation in Knox County and subsequent high caseloads indicated the need for an expansion of court services and an increase in the capacity of the Knox County drug court. Prior to ARI funding, the public defender and the probation officer serving the drug court managed mixed caseloads of both drug court and non-drug court participants. ARI funding allows the probation officer and a contract defense attorney to focus solely on the needs of drug court offender.

Evidence-based/promising practices in use: LSI-R assessment, cognitive-behavioral therapy, *Thinking for a Change* curriculum, drug court

Target population and reduction goals: Knox County has operated a drug court since 2008. From 2007 to 2009, Knox County committed to IDOC an annual average of 70 offenders who would have been eligible for diversion to a drug court program or other community-based supervision program. Knox County's 25% reduction goal for the grant period, based on recent commitment levels within the target population, is 16. In February 2012, in exchange for supplemental funding, the reduction goal was increased to 24.

Overview of jurisdiction: Knox County, located in north central Illinois, covers approximately 719 square miles and has a population of 52,919. The county has seen a dramatic decrease in population over the past few years, but is recently stabilizing. Known for an annual scenic drive fall festival, there are 28 communities in the county, most of them small towns or unincorporated villages. The largest town is Galesburg with a population of about 32,195. The median income for a family is \$44,010. Major employers for the area are the railroad, a medium security prison and the hospitals. Farming is also a major source of employment for residents of Knox County.

Knox County characteristics

Characteristics	Total
Population (2010)	52,919
Adults (ages 18 and over)	79% of population
Unemployment rate (2012)	10%
Percent of population below poverty line (2010)	16%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2010)	85%
Percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher (2010)	15%
Adult felony probation caseload (2010)	239
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2010)	221
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2010)	102
Average daily jail population (2009)	116 (2008 capacity: 127)

Program model:

Knox County's drug court program consists of four phases of varying levels of treatment, supervision, sanctions, and incentives, lasting for a minimum of 12 months. The ARI-supported expanded drug court allows for a higher participation capacity and consists of drug court-dedicated staff and increased treatment availability. A drug court officer works solely with drug court program offenders, providing supervision/monitoring, drug testing, and implementation of cognitive-behavioral *Thinking for a Change* groups. A drug court attorney works with offenders, representing them from first appearance to the end of the program. The attorney attends the weekly drug court staffing, recommends sanctions/rewards, and assists offenders with ancillary legal issues, such as custody, tenant, and ordinance violation issues. A half-time program administrator facilitates the programs and manages communication among all drug court team members, a process formerly managed by the probation officer and treatment provider.

Bridgeway operates "Bridges to Recovery," a new drug court-dedicated treatment track. Bridgeway assesses potential participants within seven days of a drug court eligibility determination and recommends a level of treatment from detoxification to outpatient. For inpatient treatment, Bridgeway refers and provides transportation to the nearest treatment center (50 miles away) and maintains communication with the provider. For outpatient treatment, Bridgeway offers the Matrix Model for intensive outpatient programming, an evidence-based treatment of stimulant disorders. Bridgeway provides a multitude of referrals for ancillary needs ranging from budgeting assistance to mental health treatment. Another project partner, Western Illinois Works, provides vocational services through a weekly job club that includes case management from a staff member who participates in the weekly drug court team meetings.

Pathways into program:

The Knox County state's attorney and the Knox County public defender refer individuals to the Knox County drug court as they have since 2008. A probation violation or new criminal arrest may lead to an initial referral from a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, police officer, or a probation officer.

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 explains 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 assessment.
7. Drug court officer and treatment provider present findings to drug court team at next weekly staffing. 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; Drug Court Attorney, Knox County State's Attorney's Office; Knox County Public Defender's Office; Treatment Provider

Contracting social service/treatment providers: Bridgeway; Western Illinois Works; Statham Long Mitchell, LLC.