



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

Sangamon County - 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: July 1, 2013; First enrollment: July, 2013

Grant amount: \$288,963 in SFY14 (including \$64,239 in supplemental funding)

Program model: Enhanced and expanded drug court

Need for ARI in Sangamon County: The Sangamon County Drug Court has been in operation since 2010. Sangamon County first received a federal drug court grant for court planning in 2009 followed by a federal drug court implementation grant that expired on September 30, 2013. ARI funding was provided to maintain and expand the Sangamon County Drug Court including the continuation of evidence-based programming and principles and an increase of court capacity from 25 to 45 individuals. Prior to expanding by incorporating a second probation officer and additional treatment funds, demand for Drug Court exceeded capacity.

Evidence-based/promising practices in use: LSI-R assessment, Texas Christian University (TCU) assessment, matrix model of substance abuse treatment, cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, *Thinking for a Change*, *Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)*, sanctions and incentives, transitional housing, work therapy, drug court

Target population and reduction goals: From 2010 to 2012, Sangamon County committed to IDOC an annual average of 173 offenders who would have been eligible for drug court or another diversion program. During this same period, Sangamon County committed to IDOC an annual average of 120 Class 3 and 4 felony offenders who would have been eligible for drug court. Based on the target population of 120, Sangamon County’s 25% reduction goal for the ARI grant period is 30 and the court’s capacity goal is 45.

Overview of jurisdiction: Located in central Illinois, Sangamon County is home to the state capital of Springfield. The County covers approximately 858 square miles and has an estimated population of 199,217. With a population of approximately 118,000 and surrounded by several “bedroom” communities, the City of Springfield is the only large metropolitan area in the County. Sangamon County has proportionately more high school and college graduates than Illinois overall, which may result from the primary employer of the State of Illinois government which draws more degreed professionals to the area. As of January 2013, Sangamon County’s unemployment rate was 9%, similar to the State of Illinois’ unemployment rate of 8.9%, and the County’s poverty level is at 13%, also similar to the State of Illinois’ poverty level of 13.8%.

Sangamon County Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	199,271
Adults (ages 18 and over)	76% of population
Unemployment rate (2013)	9%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	13%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	92%
Percent of population with a bachelor’s degree or higher (2012)	31%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	599
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	335
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2012)	353
Average daily jail population (2009)	284 (2008 capacity: 320)

Program model:

Sangamon County implements a drug court program consisting of three phases and graduation. The phases incrementally increase expectations for participant sobriety, educational goals, and financial independence while incrementally decreasing supervision and monitoring through court and probation officer contact and drug testing. Components of the three phases may include outpatient substance abuse treatment, self-support meetings, completion of the *Thinking for a Change* cognitive-behavioral group, avoiding sanctions, public service activity, and aftercare.

Pathways into program:

1. State's Attorney Office and Public Defender's Office review arrest, police or case filing report, and confer with drug court team law enforcement representative if necessary.
2. Referral discussed at drug court staffing and tracked by drug court coordinator. If team and offender agree to participation, the offender is referred to Court Services for a comprehensive substance abuse screening through Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) and a drug court eligibility screening (criminal history check, LSI-R assessment, Risk and Needs Triage Tool [RANT]). If not accepted, the offender is referred back to State's Attorney's Office for general case processing.
3. Drug court team reviews assessment results and determines acceptance. If not accepted, the offender is referred back to State's Attorney's Office for general case processing.
4. During the initial screening process, eligible participants meet with TASC for an evaluation and placement into recommended treatment level with a contractual substance abuse treatment provider. In addition to treatment needs, offenders are assessed for other areas of need such as education, financial assistance, and job skills training through the LSI-R.

Key partners:

Program agency and fiscal agent: Sangamon County Court Services Department

Key partners/stakeholders: Drug Court Judge; Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office; Sangamon County Public Defender's Office; Defense Bar; Adult Services, Sangamon County Court Services Department; TASC; substance abuse treatment providers; mental health treatment provider, local community service agencies

Collaborating social service/treatment providers: Catholic Charities; Family Guidance Center; Fifth Street Renaissance; Gateway; Helping Hands of Springfield; Illinois Employment & Training Center; Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois; TASC; Tower of Refugee; Salvation Army