



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS PROGRAM:

- The **Adult Redeploy Illinois** program was established by the Crime Reduction Act (Public Act 96-0761) to provide financial incentives to local jurisdictions that design community service plans to treat non-violent offenders in the community instead of sending them to state prisons. Grants are provided to counties/groups of counties/judicial circuits to increase programming in their areas, in exchange for reducing the number of people they send to the Illinois Department of Corrections.
- The **Crime Reduction Act** is based on the premise that crime can be reduced and the costs of the criminal justice system can be controlled by understanding and addressing the *reasons* why people commit crimes. It is also based on the premise that local jurisdictions (judicial circuits or counties) know best what resources are necessary to reduce crime. Rigorous evaluation processes with standardized performance measurements are required to confirm the effectiveness of services in reducing crime.
- The **Adult Redeploy Illinois** program is an example of a national best practice called “performance incentive funding,” which other states are adopting in different ways.
- **Adult Redeploy Illinois** is based on the successful juvenile model which has been operating since 2004 with positive results. In the first three years of the juvenile Redeploy Illinois program, four pilot sites reduced the number of youth sent to the Department of Juvenile Justice by 51% (well above the 25% goal) which represents potential cost avoidance to the state of nearly \$19 million in youth incarceration costs.
- Results expected with **Adult Redeploy Illinois** include reduced prison overcrowding (based on other states’ experiences, with no increase in crime); lowered cost to taxpayers (\$24,899 a year for prison vs. less than \$200 total for drug school for first offenders or \$3,500 on average for drug treatment); an end to the expensive vicious cycle of crime and incarceration.
- An **Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board** – comprised of representatives from state agencies, local probation departments and community-based organizations, and co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Corrections and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services – is guiding the program’s development to increase alternatives to incarceration and build community capacity.
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