



# ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

## Kane 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:** October 1, 2013

**Grant amount:** \$280,000 in SFY14

**Program model:** Intensive probation supervision with services (probation violator caseload)

**Need for ARI in Kane County:** Data analysis of ARI-eligible IDOC commitments from 2010 to 2012 indicated the need for targeted probation violator caseloads and services in Kane County. Through a 2013 planning process, a stakeholder team identified gaps contributing to high rates of probation violations including a lack of interventions specifically targeted to probation violators, caseloads exceeding recommended standards for both medium and high-risk probationers, and mental health and substance abuse service needs for probation violators. The ARI program makes it possible for ARI probation officers to supervise a reduced probation violator caseload of medium and high-risk offenders, enabling officers to be more effective caseworkers, implement evidence-based interventions, and refer offenders to appropriate treatment providers and other community services.

**Evidence-based/promising practices in use:** LSI-R assessment, intensive probation supervision with services, probation caseload standards, motivational interviewing, Twelve-Step Facilitation Therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, Family Behavior Therapy, anger management (*Moral Reconation Therapy* -based), Relapse Prevention Therapy (RPT)

**Target population and reduction goals:** From 2010 to 2012, Kane County committed to IDOC an annual average of 260 individuals convicted of non-violent, probationable Class 3 and 4 felony offenses. Approximately 40%, or 104, of these 260 annual IDOC commitments were for probation violations. Kane County’s reduction goal for the grant period, based on recent commitment levels within the probation-violator target population, is 26 (25% of 104).

**Overview of jurisdiction:** Kane County, located in northeastern Illinois and considered a “collar county,” borders the northwest edge of Cook County. Kane County is comprised of large, racially and economically diverse municipalities, such as St. Charles, Elgin and Aurora, and is the 5<sup>th</sup> most populous county in Illinois. In the 2010 Census, Kane County had a population of 522,487, an increase of 1.4% from 515,269 in 2010. Aurora is Kane County’s largest city and the second largest city in Illinois. Regarding criminal justice, in 2012, 2,602 felony cases were authorized by the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office. Kane County Court Services implements a variety of special programs for offenders such as an adult domestic violence caseload, a sex offender caseload, drug court and mental health court.

Kane County Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	522,487
Adults (ages 18 and over)	71% of population
Unemployment rate (2013)	11%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	10%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	83%
Percent of population with a bachelor’s degree or higher (2012)	32%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	1,951
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	440
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2010)	879
Average daily jail population (2009)	399 (2008 capacity: 627)

### **Program model:**

Kane County's intensive probation supervision program includes three probation officers assigned to probation-violator caseloads smaller than standard probation caseloads. The officers use the Effective Caseworks Model, a model of supervision consisting of mapping, finding the hook, moving forward, and reviewing and supporting. Probationers participate in services at Transitional Alternative Reentry Initiative (TARI, Inc.), a local treatment provider, where an assessment and treatment plan is based on the evidence-based principles of Risk, Needs and Responsivity. TARI, Inc. services may consist of substance abuse treatment, individual counseling, life skills programming, mentoring, housing, employment, and community involvement.

### **Pathways into program:**

An offender who receives a sentence of probation for a non-violent, Class 3 or Class 4 felony may be identified as appropriate for ARI if the offender meets the following criteria:

- Commitment of a technical violation or a statutory violation (ordinance violation, DUI, or misdemeanor)
- High or medium risk score on LSI-R assessment tool
- No conviction for a violent offense within past five years
- Offender is sanctioned for a technical violation or acceptable statutory offense, identifying offender as at risk of IDOC commitment without intervention

Current probation officers refer offenders to ARI by requesting a staffing to address the violation. ARI staffings occur every two weeks to ensure violations are addressed quickly. Staffings consist of the current probation officer, the Kane County Court Services Program Manager, an ARI probation officer, and a TARI, Inc. representative. The program is explained to the offender, and if the offender accepts the sanction of ARI program participation, a transfer to ARI caseload occurs. Consideration is given to cases where the offender is likely to violate probation based on extensive warrant histories, previous failures, a high or medium LSI-R score, and a history of non-compliance with the court system.

### **Key partners:**

**Program agency and fiscal agent:** Kane County Court Services

**Key partners/stakeholders:** Kane County Court Services; Kane County State's Attorney's Office; Kane County Public Defender's Office; Kane County Sheriff's Office; Office of the Chief Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Transitional Alternative Reentry Initiative (TARI, Inc.); Eckert Center; Association of Individual Development

**Collaborating social service/treatment providers:** Transitional Alternative Reentry Initiative (TARI, Inc.)