



# ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

## Winnebago 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, 2011; First enrollment: October 2011

**Grant amount:** \$646,775 in SFY14

**Program model:** Enhanced drug court and mental health court

**Need for ARI in Winnebago County:** In operation since 1996, the Winnebago County Drug Court received a three-year (FFY09-11) drug court enhancement grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2009 which expired on September 30, 2011. ARI funding was provided to maintain and expand upon these enhancements. The Winnebago County Mental Health Court known as the Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP) Court was established in 2005 to provide intensive court supervision, treatment and case management services for individuals with serious mental illness who are criminal justice involved. Specific components of the TIP Court, such as the nurse coordinator, a specialist in family psycho-education and advocacy, a dual disorder therapist and a trauma therapist have been funded by a series of grants that expired September 30, 2013. Expiring federal funds created a need for ARI funding to maintain and expand upon evidence-based program enhancements in both the drug and TIP court.

**Evidence-based/promising practices in use:** LSI-R assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed therapy, *Seeking Safety*, recovery coaching, relapse prevention, family psycho-education and advocacy, dual disorder treatment, wellness recovery action plan, dialectical behavior therapy, drug court, mental health court

**Target population and reduction goals:** From 2010 to 2012, Winnebago County committed to IDOC an annual average of 351 offenders who would have been eligible for ARI. Winnebago County's 25% reduction goal for the drug court for the grant period is 88, or 25% of 351. The Winnebago County TIP court commits to retain at least 50% of the current program capacity with ARI funding. Based on an average target population of 62 felony referrals (to TIP court), Winnebago County commits to a reduction goal of 20 participants, or 32%. As of October 2013, TIP court has the capacity to serve 48 felons in the program at any given time.

### Overview of jurisdiction:

In 2005, Winnebago County had the 6<sup>th</sup> highest population density per square mile of all counties across the state. In 2010, 52% of county residents lived in Rockford, making it second only to Chicago as the largest city in Illinois. In 2011, the rate of return among all Illinois prison releases to Rockford was 507 per 100,000 individuals (in comparison to Chicago's rate of return of 534 per 100,000 individuals).

Winnebago County Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	292,069
Adults (ages 18 and over)	75% of population
Unemployment rate (2013)	13%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	17%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	85%
Percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher (2012)	21%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	2,154
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	1,268
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2012)	811
Average daily jail population (2009)	556 (2008 capacity: 667)

## **Drug Court - program model:**

Winnebago County Drug Court integrates a high level of supervision, substance abuse treatment, urinalysis, and enhanced behavioral health services. The drug court consists of status calls three times per week and clinical case staffings two times per week. Although a voluntary program, offenders must meet eligibility criteria and receive approval of the drug court team. An infrastructure of evidence-based practices underlies the drug court including recovery coach case management, cognitive behavioral approaches, increased drug testing, increased access to residential substance abuse treatment, motivational interviewing, and the *Seeking Safety* group therapy curriculum.

## **Pathways into program:**

1. All drug court referrals are screened by the problem-solving courts administrator to ensure initial eligibility and appropriateness.
2. After approval from the problem-solving courts administrator, the referral is sent to Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC). TASC conducts a comprehensive assessment to identify substance abuse treatment needs, risk level, prior substance abuse and criminal justice involvement, and trauma issues. Assessment tools include the Texas Christian University (TCU) Brief Treatment Intake and the TASC Recovery Capital Inventory and the Risk and Needs Triage
3. TASC prepares a report of the findings which includes recommendations related to an offender's appropriateness for drug court, development of service plans, and levels of care for substance abuse treatment.
4. The findings report and recommendations are presented to the drug court team for consideration in one of the two staffing sessions held each week.
5. Upon the decision about eligibility from the drug court team, a staffing disposition letter is sent to the initial judge, the assistant state's attorney, the defendant's attorney and the referral source with the eligibility decision.
6. If accepted and sentenced to drug court, probation personnel conduct the LSI-R and refer the individual for substance abuse and other ancillary services as indicated.

## **General eligibility requirements:**

- Willingness to participate with no denial of drug or alcohol dependence
- Recommended for substance abuse treatment upon assessment by TASC and the drug court team
- Intent-to-deliver charge is not an automatic ineligibility
- Ambulatory
- Charged with a probationable offense
- No violent criminal conviction within the last 10 years

## **Drug Court - Key partners:**

**Program agency and fiscal agent:** Winnebago County Circuit Court

**Key partners/stakeholders:** Drug Court Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit; Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office; Winnebago County Public Defender's Office; Winnebago County Probation Office; Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC); Rosecrance; Gateway Foundation.

**Collaborating social service/treatment providers:** Gateway Foundation; Remedies; Rosecrance; TASC

## **TIP Court - program model:**

TIP court is designed for adult men and women with a serious mental illness who have been arrested for a misdemeanor or non-violent felony offenses. Winnebago County matching funds are utilized for misdemeanants. ARI funds provide for the continuation of clinical services through four staff on the TIP court team including a family psycho-education and advocacy specialist, a gender-based abuse/trauma specialist, a dual-disorder therapist, and a nurse coordinator. All TIP court referrals must meet the following eligibility criteria: (1) the defendant must have a serious mental illness as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV), as an Axis I Diagnosis (e.g. schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and major depression); (2) there must be a causal connection between the mental illness and the crime; (3) the defendant must be willing to cooperate with the TIP court and an approved treatment agency, and sign all releases of information required by the Court; (4) the defendant must be screened and accepted by the TIP team; (5) the defendant must be ambulatory; (6) the defendant cannot be currently not charged with DUIs; (7) and the defendant must reside in Winnebago County.

## **Pathways into program:**

1. A referral can be made by anyone, including but not limited to: attorneys, family members, healthcare providers, court services and members of law enforcement. All TIP court referrals are screened by the problem-solving courts administrator to ensure initial eligibility and appropriateness.
2. Referrals are valid for 30 days and are directed to the TIP court assessor at the local provider. All in-custody referrals are contacted within two weeks of the referral date, to help expedite the case through the court process.
3. The TIP court assessor initiates contact with the defendant. The defendant must follow through with any scheduled assessment appointment to maintain consideration for TIP court.
4. The TIP assessor utilizes a comprehensive assessment to diagnose mental health conditions, identify treatment and ancillary service needs, determine the nexus between the mental health diagnosis and criminal justice involvement, and identify any trauma issues.
5. After the comprehensive evaluation is completed, the case is set for staffing by the TIP team. The referral source, judge and attorneys' will be notified by letter of the referral outcome.
6. Once a participant enters the court, probation administers a risk assessment utilizing the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R).

## **General eligibility requirements:**

- Willingness to participate
- Serious mental illness diagnosis (i.e., bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, depression, etc.)
- All Class 2, 3 and 4 felonies that do not involve bodily harm or threat of bodily harm or mandatory penitentiary time
- Ambulatory
- All criminal misdemeanor offenses\*
- Domestic violence offenses may be accepted at the discretion of the team and with the judge's approval\*
- All misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses must have the consent of the victim\*

\*Winnebago County provides a match directed at covering TIP Court services for those with misdemeanors or domestic violence offenses. ARI funding only covers services for non-violent felons in the program.

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