



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

LaSalle 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: \$281,263 in SFY14

Program model: Intensive probation supervision with services

Need for ARI in LaSalle County: LaSalle County lacks criminal justice diversion options, including problem-solving courts. Local substance abuse treatment programs do not specifically target individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The Adult Redeploy Illinois program provides an alternative to incarceration and comprehensive substance abuse services for the offender population.

Evidence-based/promising practices in use: LSI-R assessment, intensive probation supervision with services, probation caseload standards, incentives, swift and graduated sanctions, cognitive behavioral therapy, *Moral Reconciliation Therapy* (MRT), motivational interviewing

Target population and reduction goals: From 2010 to 2012, LaSalle County committed to IDOC an annual average of 135 individuals convicted of non-violent, probationable, Class 3 and Class 4 felonies. Based on the target population of 135, LaSalle County's reduction goal for the grant period is 34 (25% of 135).

Overview of jurisdiction: LaSalle County includes more than 1,100 square miles of mostly rural land, and the majority of the population over 18 years of age are white (96.8%). Nearly 9% of the residents in LaSalle County are veterans, much higher than the state average of 6%. The county seat, Ottawa, is the most populous city in the county. Census data indicate 10% of the population lives below the poverty line. LaSalle County lacks specialized health clinics for the uninsured or housing assistance outside of Section 8 vouchers. Homelessness is a problem, particularly during the warm months when the limited areas shelters close. Area emergency rooms are often the primary provider of health care.

LaSalle County Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	112,973
Adults (ages 18 and over)	77% of population
Unemployment rate (01/2013)	14%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	10%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	88%
Percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher (2012)	16%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	530
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	238
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2012)	240
Average daily jail population (2009)	264 (2008 capacity: 917)

Program model:

LaSalle County's intensive probation supervision with services program consists of two full-time probation officers with the ability to work non-traditional hours, and contracted providers for substance abuse treatment and employment programming. During the referral process, the probation department completes probation intake and the LSI-R risk assessment. The assessment results guide the service plan, which may include an immediate referral to substance abuse treatment, behavioral health services, educational or employment services. ARI Probation Officers focus on overcoming barriers such as transportation, engaging family and positive peers, structuring time, and pro-social recreation. ARI Officers will be trained in motivational interviewing and cognitive-behavioral interventions. A period of ARI probation will run for an estimated 18 to 24 months, and early completions will return to regular probation.

Pathways into program:

1. Offender is identified due to triggering infraction.
2. A criminal court judge (felony court) determines if offender is appropriate for ARI based on an Illinois Pre-screening Instrument (IPI) assessment from the probation department.
3. If referred, ARI Probation Officer completes probation intake and LSI-R assessment.
4. If eligible, probationer's case is transferred to one of two felony judges taking ARI cases.
5. Warning hearing occurs and probationer begins program participation.

Key partners:

Program agency and fiscal agent: Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Probation and Court Services

Key partners/stakeholders: Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Probation and Court Services; LaSalle County Probation Department; LaSalle County State's Attorney's Office; Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC); treatment providers; employment services provider; local community college.

Collaborating social service/treatment providers: North Central Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.; Business Employment Skills Team (BEST), Inc.; Ingrid Sharos, Criminal Justice Consultant; JANO Justice Systems