



ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

St. Clair 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: January 1, 2011; First enrollment: May 2011

Grant amount: \$388,663 in SFY14

Program model: Intensive probation supervision with services

Need for ARI in St. Clair County: A lack of mental health screening and assessment to identify offenders with mental health and co-occurring disorders left many individuals cycling in and out of jail without access to treatment. Once identified, service providers have limited resources to further assess and engage these individuals. The two large mental health centers in St. Clair County face large caseloads, limiting capacities for outreach, engagement, and service delivery. Other issues for the St. Clair ARI target population addressed by programming include the lack of access to medications for the many individuals lacking Medicaid funding and a lack of shelter space and housing step-down options, such as crisis, residential, and transitional housing.

Evidence-based/promising practices in use: LSI-R assessment, intensive probation supervision with services, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed therapy, solution-focused brief therapy, illness self-management and recovery, family psycho-education, cognitive-behavioral treatment, *Thinking for a Change*, dialectical-behavior therapy, dual-diagnoses treatment, community restorative boards

Target population and reduction goals: From 2010 to 2012, St. Clair County committed an average of 194 ARI-eligible offenders to IDOC. Based on St. Clair County's target population of adults exhibiting mental health and substance abuse disorders with charges of retail theft, retail theft subsequent, possession of cannabis, or Class 3 and 4 revocations of property offenses, the county will serve 100 individuals in the SFY14 grant period. Based on the annual average commitments of 194, the 25% reduction goal for St. Clair County during the grant period is 48.

Overview of jurisdiction: With a population of 270,056, St. Clair County consists of 28 municipalities. Belleville, the county's largest city, has a population of 44,000. East St. Louis and five surrounding townships are recognized as distressed communities where 49% of the residents are low-income and the number of families below the poverty level exceeds state and national averages. St. Clair County has seen an increasing divide between relatively affluent suburban communities and impoverished, struggling communities characterized by loss of jobs, a reduced tax base, older and deteriorating housing stock, racial segregation, poverty, and higher rates of mental illness, substance abuse, and violence.

St. Clair County Characteristics	Total
Population (2012)	268,858
Adults (ages 18 and over)	75% of population
Unemployment rate (2013)	11%
Percent of population below poverty line (2012)	16%
Percent of population with high school diploma (2012)	88%
Percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher (2012)	24%
Adult felony probation caseload (2011)	1,316
Court imposed sentences to felony probation (2011)	729
IDOC commitments (excluding technical parole violators, 2012)	375
Average daily jail population (2009)	330 (2008 capacity: 124)

Program model:

An ARI Coordinator within the St. Clair County Probation Department provides oversight and administration of the ARI program, a specialized mental health docket and intensive probation supervision for non-violent offenders. The program consists of a court mental health team that meets regularly and extensive cross training for both criminal justice and mental health staff on the needs of the targeted offenders and specific evidence-based practices. Two probation officers supervise offenders receiving intensive case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and ancillary services (medication, housing assistance). Approximate case loads are 50 offenders per officer.

Pathways into program:

The St. Clair County State's Attorney or a Judge reviews a potential participant's current charges, criminal history and then refers offender for a problem-solving court assessment.

1. Referral: Judicial system stakeholder makes a specialty court referral (State's Attorney, defense attorney) and sends to the Referral Review Team (specialty court judge, State's Attorney, county mental health board, and treatment providers) where each referral is reviewed, assessed and determined for further ARI screening or appropriateness for other specialty courts.
2. Assessment: The intervention specialist completes a behavioral health assessment to determine mental health and substance abuse treatment needs. The defense attorney is provided the assessment information and if there is agreement for the offender to participate, a hearing is set and the offender is placed in the ARI program.
3. Enrollment: The offender enters specialized court docket where court team consists of judge, public defender, State's Attorney, probation and service providers of mental health and substance abuse. Team meets regularly to staff, coordinate, and ensure integrated approach to treatment and supervision.
4. Program: The ARI Treatment Team (ARI coordinator, intervention specialist, case managers) completes treatment plan for services, supports and other needs. The ARI coordinator schedules case coordination meetings with the team on a regular basis.

Key partners:

Program agency and fiscal agent: St. Clair County Probation Department

Key partners/stakeholders: Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judiciary; Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court Services and Probation Department; St. Clair County Mental Health Board; treatment providers

Collaborating social service/treatment providers: Alternatives Counseling.; Chestnut Health Systems; Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center; A Call for Help, Inc.; Gateway; Hideg Pharmacy