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## **ICJIA Outlines Adult Redeploy Illinois Impact through 2014** *Taxpayer cost savings nearing \$50 million*

CHICAGO—February 17, 2015. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Executive Director John Maki announced today the cumulative Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) program achievements through calendar year 2014.

ARI sites have diverted 2,025 non-violent offenders from prison since program inception in January 2011 and through the end of 2014. This has resulted in an estimated \$46.8 million in correctional cost savings.

ARI was created by the Illinois Crime Reduction Act of 2009 to support local jurisdictions in establishing more cost-effective alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders in their communities. Research has shown that non-violent offenders are more effectively rehabilitated in community settings, which are also less costly than prison. ARI is based on the successful juvenile Redeploy Illinois program.

“Adult Redeploy Illinois is a program that is evidence-based, data-driven, and results-oriented,” said ICJIA Executive Director John Maki. “It creates safer communities with anticipated lower offender recidivism rates, while ensuring offender accountability and reducing our costly overreliance on incarceration.”

ARI supports 18 sites operating 19 probation programs across 34 counties. Another four sites are in implementation phases. In exchange for grant funding, ARI sites agree to reduce by 25 percent a target population of non-violent offenders who would otherwise be facing a prison sentence.

ARI programs address offenders’ risks and needs and leverage their assets, such as family support and employment. The results are improved public safety with better outcomes for offenders at a lower cost to taxpayers.

Each individual diverted from prison by ARI represents significant potential cost savings: an average ARI intervention costs about \$4,400, while the annual incarceration cost per capita is estimated at \$21,500.

“Adult Redeploy Illinois is changing the way we think about what the criminal justice system should do,” said Director Maki. “Historically, the focus has been on what we put into it— by making more arrests and imposing tougher sentences—and less on what we get out of it. ARI is outcome-focused. It encourages the justice system think about how it can make wiser use of its limited resources to get the results we all want: less crime and safer communities.”

ICJIA will host a 2015 Adult Redeploy Illinois All-Sites Summit in Bloomington on March 19 to bring the sites together to share strategies that will improve outcomes.

Visit Adult Redeploy Illinois at [www.icjia.org/redeploy](http://www.icjia.org/redeploy).

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