

Juvenile Redeploy Illinois

A nationally acclaimed model of fiscal realignment

Redeploy Illinois shifts resources to counties to keep non-violent youth out of state prisons using community-based services for youth & their families. Juvenile Redeploy Illinois serves 44 counties through 12 program sites.

Key Elements

- **Funding for community programs:** Redeploy Illinois grants go to counties or groups of counties for targeted community-based programming to prevent commitment of youth to the Dept. of Juvenile Justice prisons.
- **Outcome driven** – funding based on a 25% (or more) reduction in commitments.
- **Targeted investment of limited dollars:** Redeploy funds are targeted to counties that have the most significant levels of commitment to IDJJ.
- **Transparency and accountability through annual report to legislature:** The Dept. of Human Services & Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board submit an annual report to the Legislature and to the Governor. The report documents the outcomes of the Redeploy grants and provides recommendations for program improvement. For the most recent annual report, visit: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=70551>
- **Local control:**
 - ★ **Planning** - Each Redeploy site goes through a planning process to analyze the youth committed to IDJJ, services needed to reduce commitments, and strategies for service delivery.
 - ★ **Technical Assistance** – Each Redeploy grantee is provided training, technical assistance, and access to other Redeploy grantee sites for additional support & information.
 - ★ **Evidence-based programming** – Counties use the funding to develop comprehensive services that include counseling, substance abuse and mental health treatment, life skills education, cognitive therapies, transportation, parent and family support services, victim-related services, electronic monitoring and more.

Success Highlights

Redeploy Illinois saves taxpayers far more than the amount appropriated to operate the program. In FY 14, the annual appropriation for Redeploy Illinois was increased from \$2.4 million to \$4.8 million.

- **Nearly \$12 million saved in 2012:** 238 fewer youth were committed to IDJJ because of the Redeploy Illinois program, saving Illinois taxpayers nearly \$11.7 million in unnecessary incarceration costs. Participating counties sent 1,036 juveniles to IDJJ in contrast to the 2,268 youth projected for these areas based on the previous three-year trends.
- **Nearly \$60 million saved over eight years:** in the first eight years of the program, participating counties sent 1,036 juveniles to IDJJ. This is a steep decline from the projected 2,268 youth that were likely to have been sent based on the previous three-year commitment trend; it represents a 54% reduction in IDJJ commitments over the life of the program. Through 2012, the Redeploy program diverted 1,232 youth saving the state a conservative \$60 Million in unnecessary incarceration costs.
- **Use of detention decreased in Redeploy sites.** In 2013:
 - ★ Illinois saw an increase in detention admissions of 23% while Redeploy sites averaged a 12% decrease.
 - ★ Statewide detention centers experienced a 44% increase in average daily population, while Redeploy sites averaged a 13.4% decrease.
- **Long-term cost savings.** The program has already provided a second chance to 1,232 youth through 2012. By investing in these youth, Illinois can increase the population of law-abiding citizens and the contributions these individuals can make in their communities.
- **Evaluation shows success.** The research conducted in the pilot programs concluded that:
 - ★ Redeploy effectively reduced IDJJ Commitments.
 - ★ Redeploy reduces recidivism.
 - ★ Redeploy is less expensive than a commitment to IDJJ.