

## Background:

The purpose of Redeploy Illinois [(P.A. 93-0641) December 2003] is to create financial incentives to keep youth in the local community rather than commit them to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

According to the current statute, each site is required to reduce juvenile commitments of **non-violent** offenders to the Department of Juvenile Justice by 25% in one year.

There are **currently five Redeploy sites**: Second Judicial District (includes 12 counties in Southern Illinois), Macon County, Peoria County, St. Clair County, and Cook County (Cook added in 2008).

## Expanding the Success:

The Governor's recommended level for Redeploy Illinois in the Department of Human Services budget request increases funding for Redeploy by \$3 million, or **\$5.295 million for FY2009**. Redeploy received an appropriation through the Department of Human Services of \$2 million in FY2005, \$1.5 million in FY2006, \$2.295 million in FY2007, and \$2.295 in FY2008.

Additional funding for Redeploy will enable the state to target additional counties to participate that commit the highest number of youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

In addition, current legislation under consideration, House Bill 5343, will expand the number of counties who can access Redeploy Illinois services and this additional funding. This legislation will authorize the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board to set aside an amount of the appropriation for use by less populous counties to set up community-based services for a limited number of youth as an alternative to commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Eligible counties for this limited allocation include those who committed fewer than 10 non-violent youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice on average over the previous 3 years.

## Results from Redeploy Illinois:

- The reduction of commitments during the first two years of implementation exceeded the target. **On average, the four Redeploy Illinois pilot sites reduced commitments to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) by 44% within their communities, or 226 fewer youth.**
- According to the latest published report from the Department of Human Services, "for every one million dollars spent by Redeploy Illinois Pilot sites, IDJJ has seen a decrease of \$3.55 million in costs to incarcerate juveniles. This equates to an \$11 million dollar 2-year cost savings to IDJJ. Although the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (RIOB) understands that this cost savings to IDJJ does not represent an actual dollar for dollar decrease in IDJJ direct costs, it does stand to reason that if these reductions are maintained over time, that IDJJ would be able to begin restructuring and downsizing."
- The latest reported per capita cost to incarcerate one juvenile in the Department of Juvenile Justice is almost \$71,000. While the four initial pilot sites are providing different types of services to meet their population needs, the range of costs to serve youth in the Redeploy pilot sites is approximately \$2,500 - \$9,500 per youth annually for services.
- An additional \$3 million added to the program in Fiscal Year 2009 would provide critical funding to **optimize the decreases in commitments throughout the state.**

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