

# Redeploy Illinois Summary Sheet

Redeploy Illinois Public Act 093-0641 took effect Dec. 31, 2003. The Act provides selected pilot counties with funding for community-based services, which can include opportunities in education, recreation, community service, crisis and health intervention, and alternative forms of detention for non-violent youth who would otherwise be committed to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention research suggests that non-violent youth are less likely to be involved in subsequent delinquent behavior if they remain in their communities and receive appropriate services that address their underlying needs. Community-based options for juvenile offenders also are generally less costly than institutional care in correctional facilities.

Redeploy Illinois programs are currently in five pilot sites in Illinois: Macon County, the 2nd Judicial Circuit (serving Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties), St. Clair County, Peoria County, and Cook County. By accepting the funds to provide community-based services to delinquent youth, sites are obligated to reduce the number of youth IDJJ commitments by 25 percent from the average number of commitments for the previous three years.

Examples of services being provided to Redeploy youth based on individualized assessments include:

- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Functional Family Therapy and Multi-Systemic Therapy
- GPS Monitoring
- Substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Life skills education
- Transportation
- Recreation Therapy
- Community Restorative Boards
- Parent/family support services
- Victim-related services

In state fiscal year 2005, the average annual cost to the state of Illinois to incarcerate a juvenile offender in a correctional institution was \$70,827. A total of 48 percent of juveniles who were discharged from IDJJ in 2002 returned to a juvenile correctional facility within three years.

In the first two years of implementation, the Redeploy Illinois pilot sites, on average, reduced commitments to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) by 44 percent within their communities, or 226 fewer youth. The Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (RIOB) estimated that the reduction of 226 youth equals a gross savings of over \$11 million in the four sites. This success shows the considerable potential for the Redeploy Illinois program and the State of Illinois if it is expanded to additional counties and circuits in Illinois.