

REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

Appropriations for Redeploy Illinois Program

FACT SHEET

2024

THE PROGRAM

Funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Redeploy Illinois is a program within the Bureau of Youth Intervention Services that provides a community-based alternative for youth facing incarceration in an Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) correctional facility. Since 2005, using a holistic positive youth development approach, the Redeploy Illinois program has provided individualized services to prevent further justice involvement to **4,842** youth and their families. While maintaining public safety, juvenile justice stakeholders such as probation officers collaborate with social service providers to deliver evidence-based interventions that reshape the response to young people who enter the justice system, their families, and the communities in which they live. Currently fewer than half of the Cook County court calendars are served by Redeploy.

COST SAVINGS

The annual cost of housing youth in IDJJ correctional facilities continues to rise with the annual cost of youth commitment exceeding an average of **\$161,000** per youth. Meanwhile, the community-based services provided through the Redeploy Illinois program cost an average of **\$8,127** per youth, only about 5% of the per capita annual cost to house youth in an IDJJ facility. Redeploy Illinois has expanded to 12 active sites covering 47 counties and one additional planning grant. In counties that have successfully implemented the Redeploy Illinois Program, **4,653 fewer** youth have been committed to an IDJJ correctional facility. This **67% decrease** in commitments results in a cost avoidance of more than **\$183 million** for Illinois taxpayers. The average cost of one recidivism event is about \$152,000. Considering that 43% of those released from prison in Illinois will be convicted of another crime and return to prison, Redeploy Illinois could potentially save the state more than **\$13 billion** over the next five years.

THE NEED

The General Assembly should appropriate an additional \$7.7 million to expand community programs and promote positive outcomes for youth and families in Illinois. With this funding, we could expand to serve all of Cook County, which is the largest source of young people being incarcerated in IDJJ.



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Benefits of increasing Redeploy Illinois funding:

- Empower Cook County to fully participate in the program;
- Provide a planning grant at Rock Island; and
- Allow for a 4% cost of living increase for sites.



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