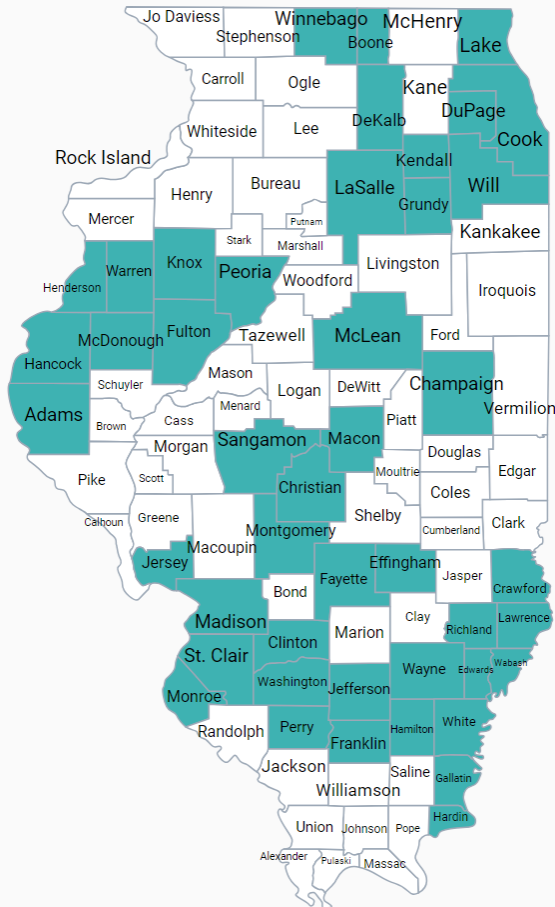


**MISSION:** To safely reduce prison use by building local systems that divert individuals from a prison sentence into more cost-effective programs that promote their reintegration into the community.

“ When I first started this program it felt like it was the end of the world. Once I grabbed onto the help and resources provided to me, everything changed for the better. – Vital Voice of ARI Client ”

**Significant positive impact:**

 <b>28</b> local sites covering <b>45</b> counties	 More than <b>10,000</b> served in the community in lieu of prison (Jan 2011-June 2024)	 Millions in taxpayer dollars saved in prison costs by diverting people to local programs designed to improve rehabilitation and reduce recidivism
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- Key Components**
- Assessment of individuals’ risk level, needs and strengths
  - Evidence-informed practices to address risk, meet needs, and leverage strengths
  - Performance measurement and evaluation
  - Annual report to Governor and General Assembly

- Local Programs**
- Problem-solving courts
    - Drug courts
    - Mental health courts
    - Veterans courts
  - Intensive supervision probation with services
  - System approaches, improving coordination and filling gaps in services

- Results**
- Greater public safety
  - Fewer prison admissions
  - Lower costs to taxpayers
  - Healthier individuals and communities

**LESS EXPENSIVE**  
 Cost of year in prison (FY24): **\$49,300 per capita (\$12,000 marginal)** vs. cost of average ARI intervention: **\$5,000**

**MORE EFFECTIVE**  
 Evidence-based practices utilized by Adult Redeploy Illinois sites can **reduce recidivism up to 20%**.

Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) is a state funding and technical assistance program at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) designed to build and support more effective and less expensive community alternatives to incarceration for individuals who would otherwise be committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

- **ARI is performance incentive funding:** ARI provides grants to local jurisdictions (counties, groups of counties, and judicial circuits) to fund problem-solving courts, intensive probation with services, and other evidence-informed interventions responsive to local justice system and community needs. In exchange for the funding, ARI sites agree to reduce by 25% (based on the past three years' average) the number of people they send to IDOC from a locally defined target population.
- **ARI is locally defined and controlled:** Based on local data and information-sharing, ARI sites plan and implement programs that fill critical service and supervision gaps in their justice and community service systems. Each site is unique, but all ARI sites share key components including the use of risk and need assessments, implementation of evidence-based practices, and rigorous performance measurement and data collection.
- **ARI is cost-effective:** An average ARI intervention costs around \$5,000, but costs range among sites depending on the need level of the participants (based on program model), as well as availability of services. In some sites, ARI funds a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services in problem-solving courts that can cost more than \$15,000/person. In other sites, funds are used to decrease probation officer caseloads for improved quality of interaction and provide stabilization support services as needed (transportation, medication assistance, or temporary housing). In comparison, the per capita cost of a year in prison is \$49,300; IDOC's marginal cost for food, clothing, and basic care and programming is approximately \$12,000/person.
- **ARI is justice reinvestment:** The state saves money through the reduced use of incarceration in state correctional facilities; and taxpayer funds are invested locally to promote public safety and support stronger, healthier communities.

Since 2011, ARI has grown from five pilot counties to a network of 28 grantee sites spanning 45 counties. ARI sites have diverted more than 10,000 individuals from Illinois prisons into community-based treatment and services, representing total cost avoidance to the state of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

### Status Update – SFY25

- ARI received a SFY25 appropriation level of \$13 million to renew support for 26 continuing grantees<sup>1</sup> and expand services in Cook and Peoria counties.
- In collaboration with partners, ARI is fully implementing the Training, Technical Assistance and Development (TTAD) program with the goal to spark innovation and continue to build a data-driven, strengths-based approach to client supervision and services.
- The ARI Oversight Board will be expanded to include two program alumni (Vital Voices).

<sup>1</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit (12 counties), 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (4 counties), 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (6 counties), 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (St. Clair), 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (3 counties), Adams, Boone, Cook – 2 grants, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Jersey, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle – 2 grants, Macon, Madison, McLean, Montgomery, Peoria, Sangamon, , Will, and Winnebago counties.