

2023 ARI All-Sites Summit

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Presenters

Delrice Adams, Executive Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)



Delrice Adams is a justice warrior with over 25 years of directing social service and public health reform efforts. On January 4, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker appointed Delrice to lead the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). ICJIA spearheads and informs on public safety policies, research, and best practices. In this role, Executive Director Adams leverages her expertise in criminal justice, violence prevention, and racial equity to support the agency's work. Her expertise informs and enhances public safety priorities, equity grant administration, and evidence-based solutions to violence prevention.

Executive Director Adams institutes a transparent and straightforward approach to the work. Equity, fairness, and opportunity are the priorities of every grant program and policy administered by ICJIA.

A visionary leader trained in trauma-informed approaches, Executive Director Adams co-chairs a first-of-its-kind cross-governmental violence prevention advisory group with county and city officials. She also chairs or administers various state boards and commissions, such as the Ad Hoc Victim Service and Prevention committee, Domestic Violence Pretrial Working Group, and Violent Crime Reduction Taskforce. Nationally, she is the Chair of the National Criminal Justice Association's Board of Directors Equity in Criminal Justice Funding and Budget Committee.

Previously, Executive Director Adams held progressive leadership roles at the Cook County Justice Advisory Council and the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health. In these roles, she was responsible for the restorative justice and violence prevention initiatives. A trained peace circle keeper, Executive Director Adams' successes are grounded in her love for and strong ties with the community.

Executive Director Adams received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley and holds a master's degree in social service administration from the University of Chicago. In July 2022, Executive Director Adams was selected into the highly competitive National Criminal Justice Association Leadership Academy for Executives where she represented the great state of Illinois.

Executive Director Adams serves on the ARI Oversight Board.

[Dr. April Bernard, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Chicago State University](#)

Dr. April Bernard is Chair and Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Chicago State University. Dr. Bernard received her doctorate in Human Development and Social Policy at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. Prior to joining Chicago State University in 2012, she worked as a consultant with the United Nations Development Program Caribbean Human



Development Report on Crime and Citizen Security and served as a deputy dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies in Barbados where she also lectured in Sociology. Her articles have appeared in *Feminist Criminology*, the *Journal of the Institute of Justice & International Studies*, and *The Journal of Pan African Studies* among others. Her work was also featured in the *Routledge Major Works: Critical Criminology, Critical Concepts in Criminology Series, Volume IV: Critical Interventions: Engaging Social Justice* (2014). Dr. Bernard is the author of the book "Transforming Justice, Transforming Lives: Women's

Pathways to Desistance from Crime" (2015).

[Scott A. Block, Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator, Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts \(AOIC\)](#)



Scott Block is the AOIC's Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator, and in that role, serves as the Illinois Judicial Branch's dedicated voice and resource, committed to furthering local, state, and national behavioral health and justice initiatives. In this capacity, he is the project director for the Illinois Mental Health Task Force, provides strategic and technical consultation for Illinois Courts, and acts as liaison behavioral health and justice affiliates and organizations.

Throughout his 20+ year career in the behavioral health field, Scott has held leadership roles in the public and private sectors, and he has been recognized as subject matter expert and innovator with multiple honors and awards. He has served on numerous governmental and not-for-profit boards, committees, and work groups, helping to shape policies and inform best practices. He is also educating the future workforce as an Adjunct Professor at Aurora University, teaching Graduate Addictions courses.

Scott earned a master's degree in Counseling, is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor, Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional, and a National Center for State Court's Certified Court Manager.

Deanie Brown, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, AOIC



Deanie Brown is a Springfield attorney and the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer for the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the Judicial Branch and court services.

She has been associate chancellor, chief of staff, and director of HR and internal relations at universities in Illinois, California, and New Orleans, and serves on several boards supporting equity, education, the community, and the arts. Her expertise includes nondiscrimination and human rights law, social justice advocacy, and culturally competent conflict resolution. Deanie has served attorneys throughout the state as a member of the Hearing Board for the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and has been a member of the ISBA since 2008.

She earned a bachelor's degree in art and architectural history from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her law degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she taught Rhetoric as a graduate instructor and was a founding editor and contributor for the literary journal *Poetic Justice*, and also writing workshop coordinator and *Griot* journal editor for the African American Cultural Center.

In addition to her law-related work in higher education, Deanie clerked for a small plaintiff's law firm in Chicago and for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. during law school.

Mary Ann Dyar, Adult Redeploy Illinois Program Director, ICJIA



Mary Ann Dyar is the Program Director for the Adult Redeploy Illinois program created by the Crime Reduction Act of 2009 (P.A. 96-0761). As Program Director, Mary Ann is responsible for coordinating the disbursement of grants to local jurisdictions to expand alternatives to incarceration; assisting with the formulation of policies and procedures for the program; monitoring and conducting technical assistance for grantees; managing communication, outreach and reporting strategies for the program; and staffing the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board.

Prior to her work at the state level, Mary Ann was Program Manager with the Justice/Violence Initiative of Chicago Metropolis 2020, a regional planning not-for-profit organization, working on policy issues related to childhood exposure to trauma and violence, juvenile justice, prisoner reentry, criminal law and sentencing reform. Mary Ann holds a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School, and undergraduate degrees in Accounting and Political Science from Indiana University-Bloomington. She served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya (1991-1993).

Dr. Millicent Lewis-McCoy, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, ICJIA



Dr. Millicent Lewis-McCoy is Assistant Deputy Director at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Millicent has over 20 years of proven leadership experience in the re-entry and criminal justice space. Utilizing data to drive strategic and operational decisions, Millicent has devoted her professional life to bringing equity and balanced justice to individuals, organizations, and systems. Prior to joining ICJIA, Millicent was director of TASC Corrections Transition Programs, where she developed, coordinated, and evaluated services for thousands of clients annually, in collaboration with state partners and a network of community service providers, to restore lives, improve health, reduce recidivism, and ensure accountability. In addition, Millicent served as the deputy executive director of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and the assistant superintendent of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Illinois Youth

Center in Joliet. Millicent began her career in the field of criminal justice as a re-entry coordinator under contract with the Illinois Department of Corrections. Millicent earned a bachelor's degree in law enforcement administration at Western Illinois University, a master's degree in criminal justice at Chicago State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Psychology at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Jennifer Ryterski, Data Manager, Probation Services Division, AOIC



Dr. Jennifer Ryterski has been serving as the Data Manager in the Probation Services Division for the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) since the fall of 2017. Since then, she has been working to enhance evidence-based practices in the State of Illinois by implementing new advancements to the data collection process throughout probation. These advancements will allow for a variety of analysis that will greatly impact the AOIC's ability to examine department practices and outcomes, as well as increase AOIC's capacity to encourage departments to become more efficient and better respond to the criminogenic needs of supervised individuals throughout the state.

Throughout her 19-year career in technology, analytics, and public administration, Jennifer has contributed to impacting divisional and organizational outcomes through effective organization, prioritization, and execution of key projects. Earning her Doctor of Public Administration in 2023, Jennifer is recognized as a subject matter expert and innovator in her field, has multiple publications, and served on several committees and work groups to drive statutes, standards, policies, and inform best practices.

Jennifer is a member of the Performance Measurement Committee.

Kathy Starkovich, Deputy Director, Department of Probation and Court Services, 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County



Kathy Starkovich is a Deputy Director at the DuPage County Department of Probation and Court Services and the coordinator of DuPage County's Adult Redeploy program, where she has led the team since 2013.

Kathy has worked within her department for 26 years and is passionate about taking a strength-based approach with clients. She believes in the intrinsic value each person possesses, and that nobody loses the ability to make change. She is an advocate for integrating evidence-based strategies in programming in a simple, pragmatic manner and that work of probation is challenging, but is always worthwhile.

Kathy provides extensive training on a variety of curricula focused primarily on effective behavior management strategies and cognitive-behavioral interventions and has served as an adjunct faculty member at a local university.

Kathy is a member of the ARI Oversight Board, chairs the Site Selection and Monitoring Committee, and is a member of the Performance Measurement Committee.

Alyssa Williams, Acting Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Corrections



Alyssa Williams was appointed Acting Assistant Director in July 2022. Her experience with the Illinois Department of Corrections began in 2001 and includes the following positions: Sex Offender Therapist in the East St. Louis Parole Office with adult parolees, Casework Supervisor at Illinois Youth Center Warrenville, Clinical Services Supervisor at Illinois Youth Center Warrenville, Warden at Dwight Correctional Center, Coordinator for Sex Offender Services, Assistant to the Chief of Programs, and Chief of Programs and Support Services. Prior to her work in Illinois, Ms. Williams was employed as a Forensic Therapist at Western State Hospital in Steilacoom, Washington.

Ms. Williams will be responsible for oversight of facility Operations, Programs, Office of Health Services, the Parole Division and Office of Operations Excellence.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Bradley University and a master's degree in Psychology from Chapman University.

Ms. Williams serves as the IDOC Director's designee as co-chair of the ARI Oversight Board and is a member of the Outreach, Technical Assistance and Communication Committee and the Performance Measurement Committee.

ARI Site Panelists

Robert Askins, Peoria Co. ARI

Robert Askins is the Chief Adult Probation Officer for Peoria County Adult Probation & Court Services. Robert is a proud SIU Saluki Alumni. He earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 1993. Robert has been employed with Peoria County Adult Probation & Court Services since 1995, where he began his career as a Probation Officer (1995-2013). During his last ten years as a Probation Officer he served as the Drug Court and Mental Health Court Officer. In 2013, he joined the management team and helped develop the Peoria County Adult Redeploy Program. Robert served as the ARI Coordinator from 2013-2021. In May 2021, he was appointed Adult Chief Probation Officer.

Diana Beams, Grundy Co. ARI

Diana Beams has been a Specialty Court Officer for the Grundy County, Adult Redeploy Illinois, Treatment Alternative Court and Drug Court programs since January 13, 2021. Prior to her current position, Diana spent 26 years working at non-profit agencies as a caseworker and/or prevention worker.

Emily Behnke, Winnebago Co. ARI

Emily Behnke, MS is the Deputy Court Administrator of the Specialized Court Programs for the 17th Judicial Circuit in Winnebago County. She serves as the administrator for 5 problem-solving courts and other specialized dockets and provides grant administration oversight. Emily also is the direct supervisor for three Problem-Solving Coordinators in Winnebago County and oversees data collection for the programs. Prior to joining the Trial Court Administration staff in 2015, she previously served as a deputy coroner for Winnebago County conducting death investigations for 8 years. Emily received her bachelor's degree in Sociology at the University of Illinois in 2007 and her master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with an emphasis on Administration in 2010.

Tara Borowiec, 2nd Judicial Circuit ARI

Tara Borowiec is the Drug Court Probation Officer for Jefferson County in the Second Judicial Circuit. She began her probation career with the Second Judicial Circuit in January 2001. She became the drug court officer in Jefferson County in 2018. Tara received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University. Prior to working in probation, she was a correctional officer at Pontiac Correctional Facility and a caseworker for juveniles in SHOCAP (Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program) in Jefferson County. She also serves as the Programs Manager for the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Program.

Frances Cain, LaSalle Co. ARI (Intensive Probation with Services Program)

Frances Cain is an Intensive Probation Service Officer who has worked in the LaSalle County, Adult Redeploy Illinois, Intensive Probation with Services program since March 3, 2014. Prior to her current position, Frances spent 5 years working in the Social Services Field as a caseworker/counselor, and over 14 years working in LaSalle County in both juvenile detention and adult probation.

Mitch Crandall – Will Co. ARI

Mitch Crandall began his career as an Adult Probation Officer in Stephenson County, Illinois before moving to the Will County Problem Solving Courts program in 2016. Mitch has held several positions within the Will County Problem Solving Courts, including Data and Assessment Specialist, Case Manager, Grant Coordinator, and Operations Manager. Mitch is responsible for writing and administering several grants which fund a large portion of the Will County Problem Solving Courts' programming as well as running many day-day-functions of the Will County Problem Solving Courts program. Mitch received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University in 2014, a Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Counseling from College of DuPage in 2019, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Aurora University in 2020.

Jenny Crotchett – Boone Co. ARI

Jenny Crotchett is the current Drug Court Coordinator/Probation Officer for Boone County Drug Court and has served in that position since December 2018. For 2 years prior to this, she was a treatment provider on the Drug Court team while employed at Rosecrance. Jenny worked at Rosecrance for 15 years as a Mental Health Clinician

and was the Team Leader for the Belvidere Rosecrance office. Jenny has a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Beloit College and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois.

[Mike Douglas – DeKalb Co. ARI](#)

Mike Douglas is the Director of the DeKalb County Treatment Courts. He graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and his career started as a probation officer for the existing drug/dui court. The DeKalb County Treatment Courts have grown to include a mental health court and a sober living home for ARI participants, and both program capacity and staff number have tripled, in his time in the role of Director.

[Dr. Scott DuBois – Will Co. ARI](#)

Dr. Scott DuBois completed his Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology and master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Adler University in Chicago, Illinois. As a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC), Dr. DuBois provided substance use disorder treatment services to adolescents, adults, and families in Will County. In addition to his clinical experience, Dr. DuBois served as adjunct faculty at Adler University to teach graduate students on treating substance use disorders. Dr. DuBois has worked as a Program Coordinator of Adult Outpatient Programs for the Behavioral Health Division at the Health Department. In addition, Dr. DuBois served as the Will County MAPP Collaborative Behavioral Health Action Team Co-Chair to evaluate and plan meaningful initiatives to address behavioral health needs within communities in Will County. Since 2021, Dr. DuBois serves as the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator for the Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow and the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois.

[Chris English – 20th Judicial Circuit \(St. Clair Co.\) ARI](#)

Chris English has worked for St. Clair County for almost 17 years. His experience includes domestic violence offender supervision, intensive probation supervision, and sex offender supervision. Chris just joined the ARI team as Coordinator in July 2022, and he is looking forward to meeting and learning from everyone.

[Darla Fitzjerrells, 2nd Judicial Circuit ARI](#)

Darla Fitzjerrells is the Director of Court Services for the Second Judicial Circuit. She oversees the operations of the Probation and Court Services Department which encompasses twelve counties in southeastern Illinois as well as the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. Mrs. Fitzjerrells received her Master of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University. She has served as the Director for seven years and has a total of over 25 years of experience with the Second Circuit providing and managing services to high-risk individuals involved in the court system. Darla resides in Jefferson County and is married with two children.

[Anthony Foster – Adams Co. ARI](#)

Anthony Foster was appointed as the Adams County Director of Court Services in August 2020 and is a member of the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Board of Directors. He has served previously as a DUI Probation Officer, Drug Court Probation Officer, and ARI Grant Coordinator.

[Kelly Gallivan-Illaraza, Cook Co. ARI \(ACT, RRP, W/RAP\)](#)

Kelly Gallivan-Illaraza is the Director of Problem-Solving Courts (PSC) for the Circuit Court of Cook County. She oversees the operation of the Circuit's twenty drug, mental health, and veteran's treatment courts. She previously served as Manager of the PSC for the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC). As the AOIC liaison to the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, Kelly participated in the Working Group for the development of the Illinois Problem-Solving Courts Standards and Certification Process. Prior to joining AOIC, Kelly provided training for field teams at the United States Census Bureau and was a probation officer for Cook County in the drug and domestic violence units. Kelly has over twenty-five years of experience in juvenile and adult court and treatment systems related to program and policy development, implementation, and management. She is a member of both the Committee on Probation Education - Judicial College for the Illinois Supreme Court and the Task Force on Improving the Court and Community Response to Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders.

[Miranda Johnson – LaSalle Co. ARI \(Problem Solving Courts\)](#)

Miranda Johnson has been a Specialty Court Officer for the LaSalle County, Adult Redeploy Illinois, Drug Court and Treatment Alternative Court programs since February 11, 2019. Prior to her current position, Miranda spent 6 years working for Kendall County Court Services in the Adult Probation Department.

[Andrew Krischel – LaSalle Co. ARI \(Problem Solving Courts\)](#)

Andrew Krischel has been the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator for LaSalle County, Adult Redeploy Illinois, Drug Court and Treatment Alternative Court programs since November 11, 2022. Prior to his current position he spent over 8 years working in the Inpatient Treatment Field as a unit technician, case manager, and counselor. In August 2022, he was hired in LaSalle County as a Juvenile Probation Officer, and soon after transitioned to the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator position.

[Scott LeVault – Madison Co. ARI](#)

Scott LeVault has been employed as a probation officer in the Madison Co. Probation Department for almost 30 years. Scott began in Detention Home and worked as a Juvenile Correctional Officer for three years. He was promoted to Probation Officer in 1996, at which time he was assigned the cases of individuals with drug-related offenses. In December 2013, Scott was promoted to a specialist position and assigned to Madison County's specialty courts which serve Madison County ARI participants.

[Cheryl Meyers – 4th Judicial Circuit ARI \(Effingham Co.\)](#)

Cheryl Meyers earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1985 and began her career in probation as a line officer in 1986. She currently serves as the Probation Director and Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Program Manager at the Effingham County Probation Department, and the Clinical Director of Discovery to Recovery, a treatment agency providing clinical services to the PSC participants. Effingham County PSC includes both Drug and Mental Health Courts. Effingham County has been an ARI site since 2006, and currently serves as the fiscal agent for the 4th Judicial Circuit's ARI grants covering Effingham, Christian, Clinton, and Fayette counties.

[Melissa Moore – Kendall Co. ARI](#)

Melissa Moore is the Kendall County Problem Solving Court Coordinator. As a Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Coordinator, Melissa wears many hats. Her social work background and previous role as a probation officer lend themselves to adapting to the day to day operations of the Kendall County Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veteran's Treatment Court tracks. Melissa notes, "What gives me hope in this role is hearing, in the participant's words, what changes they've seen in their life, no matter how small. One the things I'm most proud of [as PSC Coordinator] is having built a PSC team where we have each other's back & can keep the work going even when one of us needs to take a day off."

[Frank Morelli – Lake Co. ARI](#)

Frank Morelli is a probation officer with over 31 years of experience, 11 as a Unit Manager for Lake County. For the past 6 years he has served as the supervisor of the Lake County Problem Solving Courts. He also serves as co-coordinator of Lake County's Cognitive Outreach Group (COG) program, which was the recipient of the National Institution of Counties (NACO) Achievement Award in 2005 and 2010 IPCSA Innovative Leadership Award. He is certified by the National Institute of Corrections as trainer of the "Thinking for a Change" cognitive behavior program. Frank graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is very active in Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA) where he served as President of the Association from 2008-2010.

[Codi Poe – Jersey Co. ARI](#)

Codi Poe is the Drug Court Coordinator for the ARI program in Jersey County. Codi is currently a probation officer in Jersey County, where she has been employed for over four (4) years in various roles (juvenile officer, adult probation officer, drug court officer). Codi has prior experience as a case worker serving clients in the child welfare system; additionally, she works part-time with Greene County Sheriff's Department as a police dispatcher. Codi became Jersey County's Drug Court Coordinator in 2020 and has been instrumental in obtaining Jersey

County Drug Court's first Problem Solving Court Certification from AOIC and rejoining the Adult Redeploy Illinois network (2022). Codi has earned a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in forensic psychology. She plans to obtain a PhD in forensic psychology from Walden University. Lastly, Codi is a dog mom to two little pups named Asher and Milo who take up any of her off time!

[Leah Painter – 9th Judicial Circuit ARI \(serving Knox, Warren, Henderson\)](#)

Leah Painter is the Drug Court Coordinator and Pre-Trial Supervisor for Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties in the 9th Judicial Circuit. Leah graduated from Western Illinois University in 2004. Leah has worked in probation services since 2005, with experience as an adult probation officer in Henry County (2005-2014), a drug court officer in the Knox County Drug Court (2014-2018), and now as the Drug Court Coordinator for the 9th Judicial Circuit.

[Gina Richie-Dockins – LaSalle Co. ARI \(Intensive Probation with Services Program\)](#)

Gina Richie-Dockins Intensive Probation Service Officer who has worked in the LaSalle County, Adult Redeploy Illinois, Intensive Probation with Services program since March 3, 2014. Prior to her current position she spent 6 years as a Criminal Justice Case Manager with TASC, Inc. in Illinois, and 12 years working with juvenile offenders as an Intensive Probation Officer in Texas.

[Keyria Rogers, Macon Co. ARI](#)

Keyria Rodgers' professional experience extends across 15 years in government and 12 years in higher education/academia. She currently serves as Director of Millikin University's Criminal Justice Department, Instructor of Criminal Justice, Director of the Teen Justice Diversion Program, Grant Administrator for Adult Redeploy Illinois (12yrs), Board member for the Juvenile Justice Initiative (Statewide policy agency), Board Member for Macon County CASA, Board Member for Boys and Girls Club of Decatur, founder of the Restorative Justice Global Partnership (GRJP) (which includes Hawaii, Chicago, Decatur IL, Houston, Washington D.C., New York, Italy, London, Singapore, and Nepal) and independent consultant for grant writing and restorative justice training. She is also on the editorial board for RJ4All Internet Journal of Restorative Justice in London. In December 2020, Keyria was appointed by Governor J.B. Pritzker to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission where she will serve a 3-yr term. In May 2021, Keyria also joined Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton's Advancing DJJ Transformation Committee where she and her colleagues from around the State of Illinois work to transform the state's juvenile justice system. Keyria's research interests include public administration, public policy, criminal justice issues, reentry, social justice, expungement, diversion, deflection, restorative justice, probation, and community-based program development in the United States and around the world. As a grant writer and public manager, she creates budgets for non-profits, government agencies, independent contractors, foundations, and community-based organizations. To date, she has written grants and managed more than 7.1 million dollars in various types of funds for government and community-based programming.

[Jeff Ross, Lake Co. ARI](#)

Jeff Ross is an Assistant Director for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Adult Probation Division with over 30 years of experience in community corrections. He currently oversees Lake County's Problem-Solving Courts and serves as Grant Administrator for the 19th Judicial Circuit's Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) Program. Jeff is an active member of the Illinois Supreme Court's Judicial College Committee on Probation Education (COPE) Curriculum Workgroup Committee. Jeff graduated from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration and, in 2010, earned a master's degree in Community Counseling. Jeff is a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), who has done volunteer work for One Hope United. He is a trainer for the National Institute of Corrections "Thinking for a Change" cognitive restructuring program and the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institutes Adult Risk Assessment/Case Planning System. Jeff is also certified by the SAMHSA GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation as a "Trauma Informed Care" Trainer.

[Leila Siena, Grundy Co. ARI](#)

Leila Siena is an Assistant Public Defender in Grundy County, Illinois. Her current assignment is representing low-income clients facing Class 3 and 4 Felonies. She is also the Public Defender team member for the Treatment Alternative Court (Mental Health Court). She was recently hired to work in Grundy County after working for 15

years as a prosecutor in LaSalle County, Illinois. When she was working in LaSalle County, she was part of the team that set up the alternative courts and was a part of the certification process. After the Drug and Mental Health Courts were established in LaSalle County, she was a team member in the role of the prosecutor in the Mental Health Court. She is a 1999 graduate of DePaul University College of Law and earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in journalism.

[Autumn Sender – McLean Co. ARI](#)

Autumn Sender, Specialized Probation Coordinator, has been working for McLean County Court Services since May 2019. She graduated from Illinois State University with both bachelor's and master's degrees in Social Work. Autumn has been an ARI Officer serving a high-risk population since October of 2019 and recently became the supervisor of the McLean County ARI program. Autumn shared, "I am passionate about the ARI program, and love being a part of the great work ARI does for all our clients in McLean County!"

[Carla Stalnaker – Clinton Co. ARI](#)

Carla Stalnaker is the Drug Court Program Manager and Chief Probation Officer for the Clinton County Probation Department. Carla earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1993. She started working for Clinton County Probation in 1999 as a Juvenile Probation Officer. She was promoted to Chief Probation Officer in 2021 and serves as the Drug Court Program Manager. The Clinton County Drug Court has been an ARI site since 2021 when Clinton County joined other counties in the 4th Judicial Circuit as part of the ARI grant program.

[Banee' Ulrici – Montgomery Co. ARI](#)

Banee' Ulrici is the Chief Managing Officer for the Montgomery County Probation Department and serves as the Program Coordinator for Montgomery County ARI. Banee' attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology in 1997. She began her career in probation as a juvenile officer in 2000. In 2002, Banee' earned her Master of Sociology degree and was appointed to her current position as Chief Managing Officer. In this role, she worked to implement the Montgomery County Drug Court program (2011) and has been instrumental in launching Montgomery County's Mental Health Court and Lifting the Emerging Adult Population track in State Fiscal Year 2023 with the use of ARI funding (2022-2023).

[Leslie Van Riper – Sangamon Co. ARI](#)

Leslie Van Riper is a 24-year employee of Sangamon County Court Services. Leslie started her career with the department as a probation officer. Sangamon County first implemented a Drug Treatment Court in December 2010. At that time, Leslie assumed the title of Drug Court Coordinator. Since that time, Sangamon County has added two additional specialty courts: Mental Health Recovery Court (Feb 2015) and Veterans Treatment Court (Nov 2017). Leslie is an Adult Division Supervisor as well as Problem Solving Court Coordinator for each of the three Sangamon County Problem Solving Courts.

[Tonie White – DuPage Co. ARI](#)

Tonie White, MSW, LCSW, is a Senior Probation Officer with DuPage County Adult Probation. Tonie has served DuPage County and its residents in this capacity as an officer for almost 21 years. Tonie has a dual bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Pre-Law and a master's degree in Social Work. Tonie shared, "I believe that all people are inherently valuable and possess immense change potential. That change is positively fueled by relationships and connections which reinforce value, hope, and respect, and which promote and model prosocial behavior through embracing core strength and building prosocial beneficial life options. Ultimately, by focusing on strengths, honoring lived experiences, and making space for their essential voices to be the driving ingredient to shift their personal trajectory, we can change the paradigm of the multisystemic challenges to a platform for change opportunity and developing self-awareness. Redeploy seems to be an appropriate destination on my journey where my graining and training have culminated in a place where my core beliefs align with the vision and mission of ARI."

[Michael R. Wilkinson – Madison Co. ARI](#)

Michael Wilkinson currently serves as the Deputy Chief Probation Officer for the 3rd Judicial Circuit's Problem-Solving Courts. Michael enlisted as an infantryman in the U.S. Army in 1988 after graduating from Granite City

High School. After his tour of duty, Michael attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology. Michael later returned to SIUE to earn Master of Public Administration degree (2002). Michael began his career with the Madison Co. Probation & Court Services Department in 1996, where he worked as a correctional officer and specialized drug officer prior to his promotion to a position with the Madison Co. Problem Solving Courts. Michael was a key player in helping Madison County develop a Veteran's Treatment Court track in 2009; and became the Madison Co. Problem Solving Court Coordinator in 2022. In 2023, Michael accepted the position of Deputy Chief Probation Officer.