

LAKE COUNTY'S ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS (ARI) PROGRAM

CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES

The 19th Judicial Circuit Court utilizes Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) Grant funding to provide continuum of care services including residential substance abuse treatment, recovery home placement, sober living initiatives, recovery coaching services, peer support specialists, and transportation assistance to eligible Problem-Solving Court clients and other qualifying high-risk individuals who are in jeopardy of being sentenced to prison on probation revocations or new felony offenses. The goal is to reduce the number of revocations and potential commitments to the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Lake County ARI program was started in 2013 and is committed to maintaining evidence-based interventions to individuals with substance use and co-occurring disorders who are high risk to recidivate and have high criminogenic needs. Lake County contracts with local agencies who offer these treatment services. In addition, since 2021, ARI has awarded funding to Lake County to provide reliable transportation for Redeploy clients.

TARGET POPULATION

All Drug Court Clients: who voluntarily plea into Drug Court as a diversion from incarceration.

All DUI Diversion Program (DDP) clients: who voluntarily plea into this program implemented by the 19th Judicial Circuit in 2022 to reduce the number of DUI cases sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections, while still preserving community safety through increased client monitoring, intensive treatment interventions and increased judicial interactions.

ARI eligible Mental Health Court (MHC) and Veterans Treatment Assistance Court (VTAC) clients: who enter the program with felony convictions and substance use or co-occurring disorders, who are also assessed as moderate to high risk to recidivate.

Other qualifying high risk/high need probation clients: with substance use or co-occurring disorders, who are in jeopardy of being sentenced to prison on probation revocations or new pending felony offenses.

All individuals requesting enrollment into the Adult Redeploy Illinois program must also meet the following requirements:

- Classified as Moderate to High Risk according to the Adult Probation Division's evidence-based risk assessment tool (currently the ARA).
- Felony conviction, excluding sex offenses.
- Diagnosed substance use or co-occurring disorder.
- At least 18 years of age.
- Lake County resident or willing to establish residency in Lake County.

EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment: The ARI grant provides readily available residential placement through the Gateway Foundation. Waiting times can be significantly reduced for inpatient admissions for Redeploy participants.

Recovery Home Placement: Lake County also uses ARI funding for recovery home placements. This service allows for enhanced continuum of care programming for qualifying individuals. The Nicasa Bridge House recovery home is consistently utilized as a step-down program when clients leave residential treatment, or as a relapse prevention resource when increased substance use interventions are needed.

Recovery Coaching: ARI funding allows Lake County to continue utilizing recovery coaches provided by the Haymarket Center. Recovery coaches deliver services consistent with the "Manual for Recovery Coaching and Personal Plan Development Program" (Loveland and Boyle 2011), and they assist with developing recovery plans to link individuals to community resources and pro-social networks including self-help groups and other local programs.

Peer Support Services: Nicasa provides peer support recovery specialists through ARI grant funds. The peer support recovery specialists incorporate their life experiences to connect and engage members of the recovery community. They facilitate regular meetings of past and current program participants and assure appropriate linkages with community resources. They also help organize prosocial leisure activities and community give back initiatives. Many times, our peer support recovery specialists are first responders when participants and alumni reach out for assistance.

In addition, Lake County has partnered with the Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization (NIRCO) to advance racial equity by expanding peer support and recovery coaching services to justice involved clients. NIRCO is a local organization which houses a diverse staff. Our FY24 grant application includes contracting with NIRCO to increase efforts to build recovery capital for Redeploy participants and address racial disparity by having a NIRCO peer support specialist available to both current Redeploy clients as well as individuals referred to the program. This could potentially increase enrollments and assist individuals with engagement in recovery communities well beyond their involvement in our ARI program.

Supportive Sober Living Home Initiatives: Lake County identified a growing need for affordable supportive sober living environments for clients who lacked funds for short term rent or deposits. The Illinois Department of Human Services continues to endorse sober living initiatives for individuals as a continuum of care to sustain their recovery and reduce the risk of relapse after completion of treatment and/or recovery home services. Our supportive sober living initiative has been supported by ARI funding since 2019 and includes continued funding for contractual services with The Kalimba Foundation, who oversee ten Oxford House Model programs in Lake County. The opportunity to have multiple residence options allows for swifter placements and adheres to the responsivity principle by matching clients with specific housing needs.

Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT): When clients are admitted for residential services at Haymarket Center, they are paired with a recovery coach, who provide MRT, which is a service included in the scope of the ARI Haymarket contract. However, MRT is also offered by Lake County Adult Probation to other probation clients. Lake County Probation's MRT groups are facilitated by a combination of ten probation officers who are all certified MRT trainers. Seven of these trainers were certified through ARI funding. This program was the recipient of a National Association of Counties (NACO) award in May 2019. Currently, our MRT groups include specific Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence and Gender Specific curricula.

Participant Transportation Assistance: Lake County continues to provide reliable transportation for Redeploy clients by purchasing Chicago Transit Authority Ventra Non-Profit Pace Bus tickets which are issued to eligible ARI participants. This addresses client responsivity and assists in breaking down transportation barriers that many of our participants face, especially those clients who are transitioning from incarceration or residential placement into recovery homes and sober living environments.

Participant Incentives: Our program would like to expand pro-social peer support led structured activities by increasing meaningful client incentives. Many people in recovery must work hard to stabilize their lives, mend meaningful relationships, secure housing and find employment. They spend many hours a week in high dosage treatment programs, engaged in counseling services and attending support groups. Lack of pro-social activities is a primary risk factor that can sometimes be overlooked. Therefore, Lake County's future ARI budget may include providing Six Flags Great America Amusement Park passes as incentives to eligible ARI clients to attend peer support specialist lead group outings.

Staff Training: To assist in meeting ARI training objectives, Lake County has utilized ARI funding to help cover costs associated with the annual ARI All-Sites Summit and the Illinois Association of Problem Solving Courts (ILAPSC) Conference. ILAPSC is a COPE approved presumptive provider who offers evidence based workshops on a yearly basis.

ENROLLMENT/OUTCOMES*

- Since 2013, Lake County has diverted a total of 307 clients by enrolling them into our ARI program.
- There are currently 51 active ARI clients enrolled in the program
- 62% of the 256 clients who are no longer active completed the ARI program without an IDOC commitment.

**as of May 2023*

CONCLUSION

Adult Redeploy Illinois Works!