

Cook County Juvenile Redeploy

Model development, evaluation design & pilot implementation

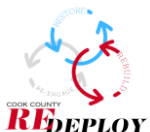
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What is Redeploy Illinois?

The Redeploy Illinois Program provides counties grants to establish a continuum of community-based alternatives for youth at imminent risk of incarceration. To continue to receive program funds, **counties must reduce eligible commitments by a minimum of 25%.**

Target Population: Youth facing possible commitment to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

Activities: Counties are given the flexibility to identify and provide the community-based supports most appropriate for their juvenile population.



Redeploy Footprint in IL

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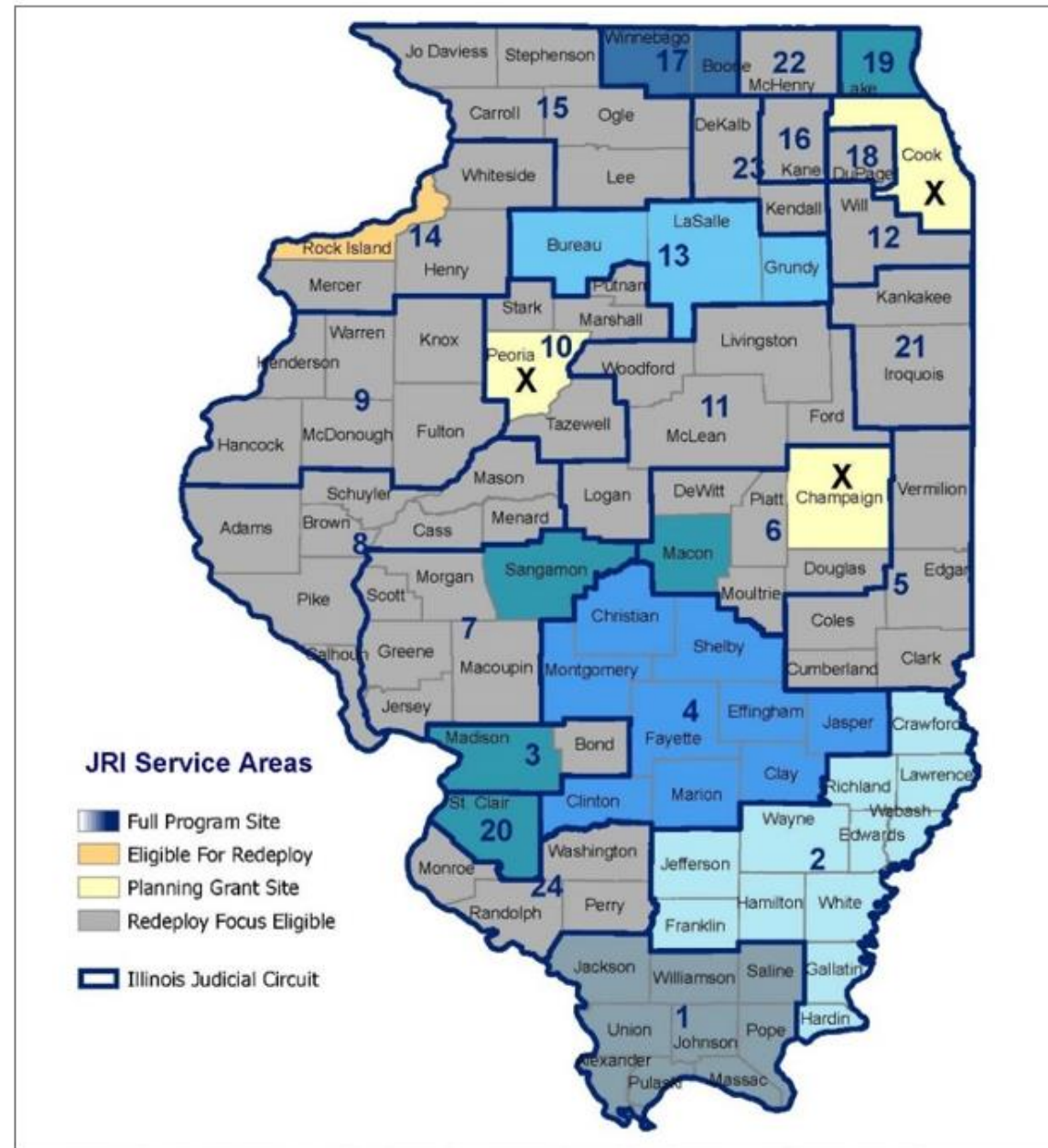
- IL General Assembly begins allocating funds to IL DHS to fund community-based alternatives to incarceration

2022

- Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Justice Division awarded Redeploy Planning Grant

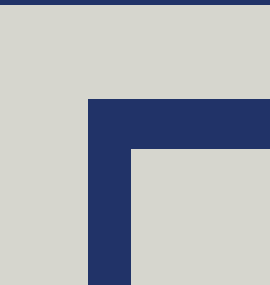
2005-2021

- 38 counties with established Redeploy programming

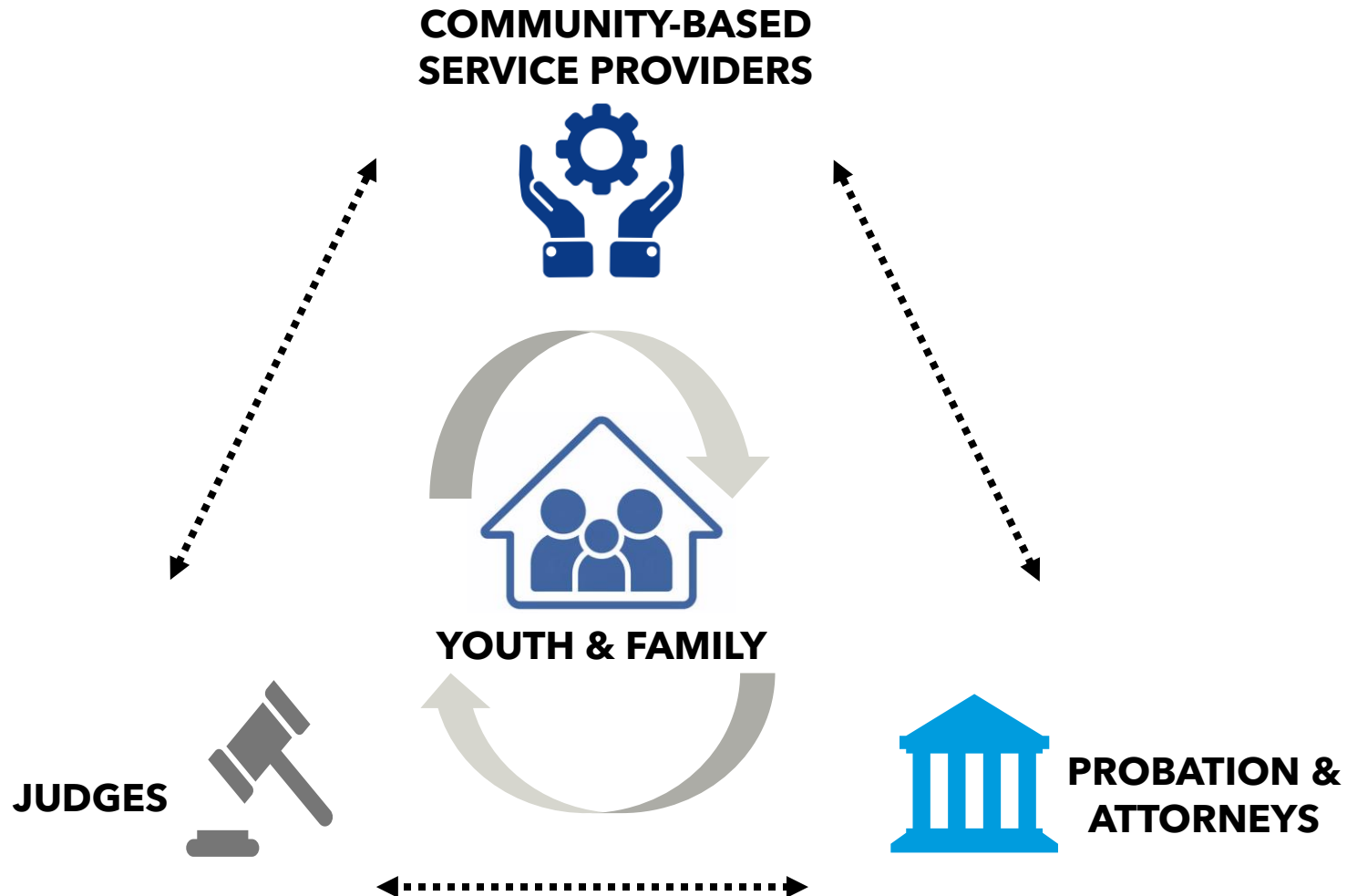


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Cook County Model



Cook County Redeploy Core Stakeholders



Cook County Redeploy Pilot Sites

Based on analyses completed by the University of Chicago Crime Lab, the Cook County Redeploy Committee selected four pilot geographic areas:

- **Calendar 52** (Southeast side of Chicago)
- **Calendar 53** (Southwest side of Chicago)
- **Calendar 61** (West Side of Chicago)
- **Calendar 76** (South Suburban Cook County)
- **Calendar 63** *Added January 2024*
- **Calendar 68** *Added January 2024*



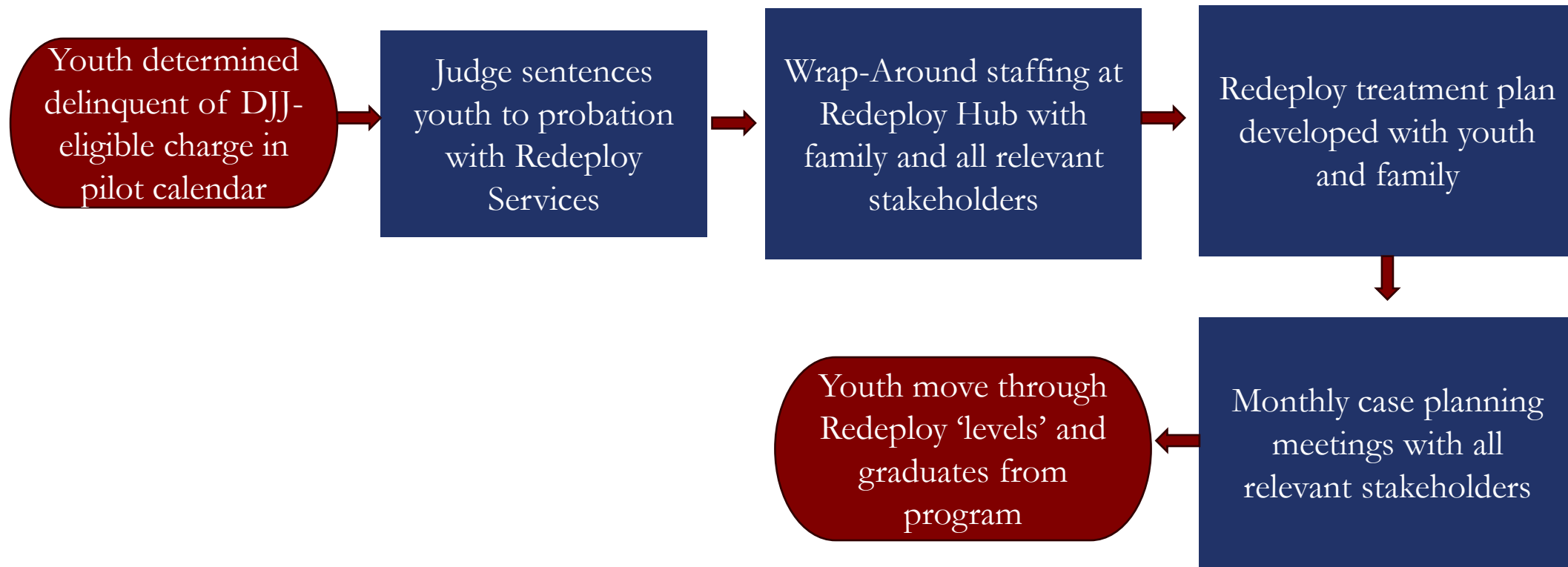
Establish Redeploy Hub – one stop shop providing a continuum of services.

Cook County Redeploy Eligibility Criteria

- **Age:** 13-18 years old
- **Calendar:** 52, 53, 61, 63, 68, 76
- **Risk Level** (As determined by JRA or YASI): Moderate to High Risk
- **Charges:** Felony offense
 - *Legislative Exclusion:* Cannot be convicted on a murder charge
 - *Discretionary Inclusion:* Serious charge or charge/probation history
 - *Discretionary Exclusion:* Judges can decide for any reason not to offer youth Redeploy, youth can also choose not to accept Redeploy services in lieu of DJJ commitment

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Ideal Case Flow



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Core Program Elements

Staffing	Assessment & Planning	Services	Logistics
All youth are provided case manager and mentor alongside assigned Probation Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YASI assessments• Individualized care plan• Wrap around staffing (initial and monthly meetings) & parental engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence-based therapy (TF-CBT)• Individual, group, family counseling• Recreational, vocational/educational services• Cultural events• Mentoring• Economic & concrete support• Safety planning• Post-discharge support	<p><i>Transportation to and from Redeploy Hub</i></p> <p>9 am – 9pm (Mon – Fri)</p> <p>Meals provided</p>

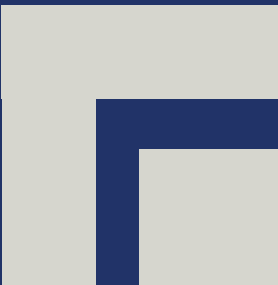
Cook County Redeploy Level System - Program Progress

	Level 1 Stabilize	Level 2 Engage	Level 3 Achieve	Level 4 Sustain
Supervision Level	5 days/week at Hub	Min of 4 days/week at Hub	2-3 days/week at Hub	Youth in community
Length of Time	~ 60 Days	~ 40 – 50 days	~ 20 – 26 days	3-4 months
Points <i>(earned through participation and behavior)</i>	1200	800	400	Not points based
Core Activities	Assessment MH & SU Services Structured programming	Integration of education and vocational services	Maintenance treatment	Capstone project Graduation Ceremony

Approximately 1 year to graduate the Redeploy program

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Evaluation Design



Objectives of the Redeploy Program that Guide the Evaluation



REDUCE IDJJ
COMMITMENTS BY 25%



STABILIZE YOUTH
WITHIN HUBS



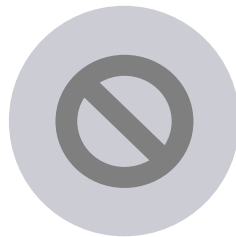
PROVIDE SERVICES IN
THE COMMUNITY



DELIVER APPROPRIATE
AND SUFFICIENT
SERVICE DOSAGE



MAINTAIN COMMUNITY
SAFETY



DO NO HARM!



COLLABORATION



COORDINATION

Mission Statement & Goals

The purpose of the Redeploy program is to provide courts and families with an **alternative to incarceration that can more holistically address underlying needs or risks** and can invest in youth and family strengths. It provides the justice system with a **non-punitive, community-based tool to address poverty, substance abuse, mental health challenges, trauma**, etc. offering youth and their families greater alignment with a **rehabilitative model** of juvenile justice.

Through the use of qualified staff and a specialized curriculum, Redeploy Hubs seek to achieve the following:

- Collaboration between the Redeploy Providers, the court, attorneys, Juvenile Probation and the youth and family are our key to success.
- Work with youth and their team to build support systems to ensure long-term success.
- Instill hope in the youth for the future
- Increase community connections for all youth
- Safety planning for all youth when needed
- Successful reintegration back to the community
- Mentors building strong relationships with youth and family
- Assess educational needs and youth's employment opportunities
- Engaging the youth's family with support
- Immediate integrated services

Evaluation Purpose

Evaluation Goals

Assess early implementation of the pilot program (what, who, how) and document program modifications.

Identify challenges and facilitators to implementation of Redeploy in Cook County.

Assess if the program is producing outcomes in the expected direction.

Because the Cook County Redeploy program is a new initiative and modifications to the program are being made throughout the pilot period, the evaluation will take a developmental approach, with the goal of informing stakeholders on early implementation and outcomes.

Implementation Evaluation Questions

Research Question	Indicators
Who is the Redeploy pilot program reaching?	Number and demographic of participants Referral rate Enrollment rate
What services do youth and their families receive?	Number and type of services and referrals provided;
How do youth move through the program? (e.g. level changes, timing?)	Mean and median time in each level;
To what extent are youth and families satisfied with the program?	Program satisfaction
How many and what percentage of youth complete the program?	Percentage youth who complete program; Reasons for non-completion
Are staff satisfied with the program? To what extent does staff turnover improve over the course of the pilot project?	Staff satisfaction Staff turnover rate
What are the challenges and facilitators to implementing the Redeploy pilot program?	N/A

Outcomes Evaluation Questions

Research Question	Indicators
How many and what percentage of youth pick up new charges while in the program?	Number and percentage of participating youth who are re-charged in juvenile or criminal court during the program
Do youth who participate in the Redeploy program achieve improvements in clinical outcomes (mental health and substance use)?	Mental health score Substance use score
Do youth who participate in the Redeploy program achieve improvements in risk and protective factors?	Protective factors Risk factors
Do youth who participate in the Redeploy program have lower rates of subsequent re-charges and IDJJ or IDOC incarceration than a matched comparison group of youth who do not participate in the program?	Recharge rate Incarceration rate Time to recharge Time to incarceration (hazard or risk)

Outcomes Evaluation Questions

Research Question	Indicators
Over the course of the pilot project, has community provider capacity to serve court-involved youth and their families increased? If yes, in what ways? If not, why not?	Community provider capacity
Has the connection between community providers, the court, and other stakeholders increased over the course of the pilot project? If yes, in what ways? If not, why not?	Frequency and quality of communication between community providers, court, and stakeholders
Has the rate of IDJJ commitment as a disposition decreased since inception of the Redeploy program. Have caseloads lowered? Has racial/ethnic disparities been reduced?	IDJJ commitment rate Courtroom caseload rate Racial/ethnic disparity index

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Pilot Implementation



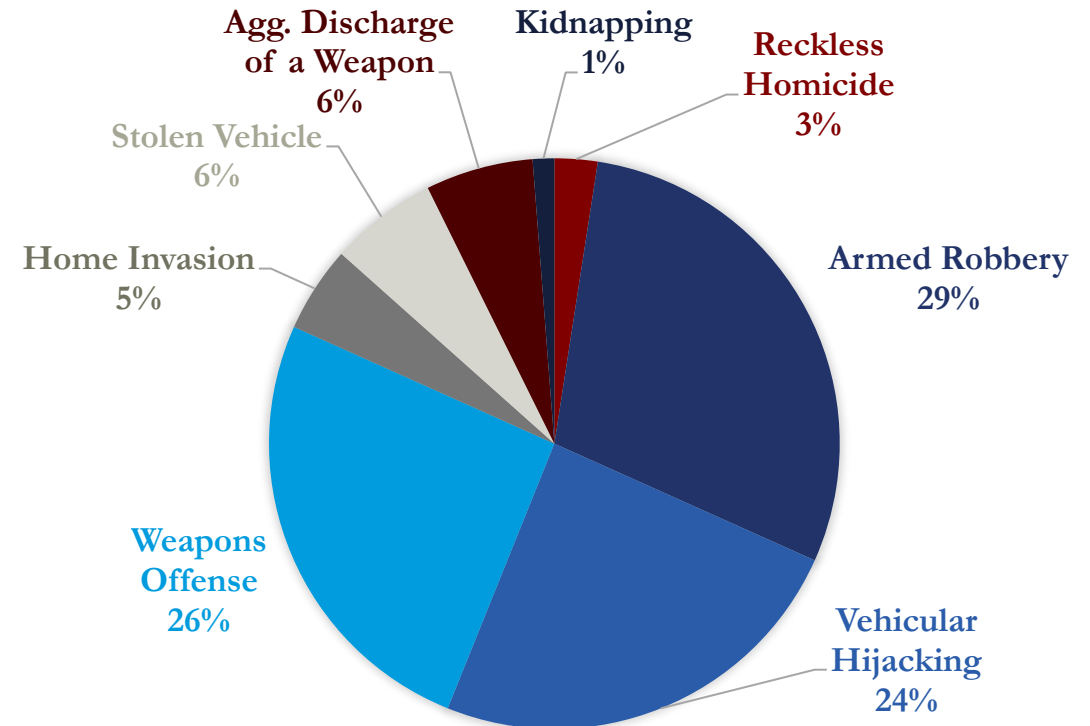
Pilot Implementation Participation Data (March 2025)

Total Referrals – 85
Active Cases – 28
Successful Completions – 7

Participant Characteristics

- 2 Female
- 83 Male
- 5 Young fathers
- 2 Dually involved

Offense Type



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Service Utilization

Some Youth:

- Evidence-based therapy (TF-CBT)
- Family counseling
- Flexible Funds

All Youth:

- Individual and group counseling
- Recreational, vocational/educational services
- Cultural events
- Mentoring
- Safety planning
- Post-discharge support

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Positive Youth Experiences

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Zoo lights at the Zoo
- ▶ Escape Rooms
- ▶ Museum of Science and Industry
- ▶ Art Institute
- ▶ DuSable Black History Museum
- ▶ Accelerate Go Karts
- ▶ Movies
- ▶ Blue Man Group
- ▶ Bulls Game
- ▶ Museum of Ice Cream



SERVICE LEARNING

- ▶ Salvation Army
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Pilsen Pantry
- ▶ Domestic Violence Shelter

Pilot Implementation **Innovations**

- ▶ Educational advocate legal services (Equip for Equality)
- ▶ Collaboration with Chicago Public Schools (developing relationship with suburban school districts)
- ▶ Exploring in-house educational programs (online, credit recovery, etc.)
- ▶ Therapists with substance abuse background/retaining therapists
- ▶ Improvement to vocational programming
- ▶ Alumni positions
- ▶ Expansion to additional court calendars
- ▶ Flexible funds to address material needs
- ▶ Culture of communication across stakeholders (formal and informal)
- ▶ Welcoming and safe space
- ▶ Staff with lived experience

Pilot Implementation **Program Adaptations**

- ▶ Level timeline & points
- ▶ Timing at redeploy hubs
- ▶ Codification of policy and process
- ▶ Adjusting to Hiring/Retention Issues
- ▶ Improving site evaluations and grant management.
- ▶ Parent Engagement

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Learnings, Challenges, & Opportunities

Youth	Family	Redeploy Workforce	Service Partners	Court Partners	Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance• Safety issues• Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parental engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiring and Retention• Change in service provider• Grant management and provider oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational reentry• Therapist turnover & therapists with SUD expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared responsibility with probation• Judicial discretion – variation in eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collection• # of participants• Comparison group

THANK YOU

