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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IS RECIPIENT OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES JUVENILE REDEPLOY PROGRAM FUNDING

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, serving the residents of Lake County, received grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) in the amount of \$212,493; to provide comprehensive community-based intervention services for youth and by extension their families, with the development and implementation of the Redeploy Youth and Family Support Program using Evidence-Based Practices (RYSE). The Redeploy Illinois Program awards funding to counties to establish a continuum of local, community-based sanctions and treatment alternatives for juvenile offenders who would otherwise be incarcerated.

"We are confident that by delivering these evidence-based services to justice-involved youth in the community, they will benefit from this programming that is designed to promote their strengths and resilience," said James Edwards Director of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Juvenile Probation and Detention Services.

Research findings from a prior IDHS supported Planning Grant identified areas within Lake County that are underserved for mental health, substance abuse, delinquency, and other services. Between 30 and 35 youth will be served annually through the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's RYSE program and services that target youth in these underserved areas. Through the efforts of this initiative, minors and their families will be provided services through evidence-based programs, including in-home and community-based *Functional Family Therapy* provided via licensed clinicians and probation officers trained in *Functional Family Probation*. Redeploy funding will also include transportation for youth and families to attend therapy and other appointments, diversity, equity, and inclusion training for juvenile services staff, and a contract for ongoing data collection and research with outcomes of the program.

Upon notice of this award the Honorable Christen L. Bishop, Presiding Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Restorative Justice Division which includes juvenile court stated, "We are grateful to have been chosen to receive this funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services. This grant will undoubtedly have an immediate impact for the minors we serve along with their families, helping to eliminate barriers to accessing the treatment services that are needed to address their issues, in addition to providing further training for our staff, and tracking programmatic results."

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