



Reducing Recidivism

Kane County, like communities across the country, faces a high re-offending rate. Through diversion programs, we can create a dynamic correctional institution to set the example for the rest of the country to follow. By making these opportunities available to the 16th Judicial Circuit, we stand to dramatically reduce our recidivism and jail population:

Jobs Program Candidate Qualifications: Kane County resident, non-violent/non-sex crime offender

- In-custody vocational training (OHSA certification, forklift certification, and skill sessions taught by local trade unions)
- Skills-To-Jobs connection: as citizens return to the community, they'll be linked with a local employer through an operational network I designed beginning in 2012
- Track re-entry activity to encourage assimilation and confirm overall success in returning to the community

Employed Offender Candidate Qualifications: an already employed Kane County resident, non-violent/non-sex crime offender

- Electronic monitoring release, operated by existing Sheriff's Office staff
- Return to work within 48 hours of initial incarceration
- Wage garnishment to pay for electronic monitoring expenses

Addicted Offender Candidate Qualifications: Kane County resident, non-violent/non-sex crime offender identified as substance addicted

- In-custody, work-release program connected to one of our second-chance network employers
- Daily in-custody rehabilitation for 6 to 9 month sentence provided by grant-funded and/or volunteer organizations
- Wage garnishment to pay for rehabilitative care

Mental Health Candidate Qualifications: Kane County resident, non-violent/non-sex crime offender identified to have mental health challenges

Following proper triage and diagnosis, one of the following paths may be provided:

- Referral to outside facility for custodial care
- Electronic monitoring release, operated by existing Sheriff's Office staff, and referral to outpatient care
- In-custody mental health care provided by licensed clinical social worker(s) on staff