

TRANSFORMING DJJ:

A 21st Century Illinois Transformation Model



DOING RIGHT BY KIDS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

- Close-to-home youth residential centers and community interventions for youth and families
- Dorm-like, youth-friendly, rehabilitative space
- Welcoming, family involved, community-integrated, vibrant, respectful, culturally responsive atmosphere
- Safe, peaceful, restorative, supportive, empowering, healthy climate for youth, families, and staff



OVERVIEW

- Renovate existing properties to create new residential centers closer to youths' communities of origin
- Reduce use of secure custody as a response
- Invest in community-based intensive wraparound services
- DJJ moves out of adult-style prison-like facilities
- Adult-style facilities repurposed by IDOC



BENEFITS

- Reduce the harm of incarceration on youth
- Implement best practice in juvenile justice for better outcomes
- Realigns spending to invest in communities most impacted by disinvestment, racism, and violence
- Advances mission of IDJJ and IDOC in cost-effective way
- Allows youth to remain closer to home with increased access to family



IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH 2024

Phase 1

- Engage key stakeholders
- Initiating capital projects
- Ramping up community investments

Phase 2

- Continue capital projects
- Implement community pilot diversions
- Begin transfer of adult-style facilities

Phase 3

- Complete capital projects
- Complete transfer of adult-style facilities
- Expand community diversions



NEXT STEPS

Lincoln Project

- Beginning phases of renovation
- First new regional, community based residential center
- Addressing need for DJJ presence in Central IL

Stakeholder Workgroups

- Convening for implementation planning, troubleshooting, and innovation
- Engaging research partners



QUESTIONS?

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