

The cost of reforming criminals

Winnebago County is spending nearly \$3.7 million between Nov. 1, 2007, and Sept. 30, 2009, on social programs to reform criminal behavior. Some of these programs are administered to inmates in the Winnebago County Jail. Other programs take place outside the jail while the offender is on probation. Also Block grants are doled out to community centers for crime-prevention programs.

PROGRAM	FUNDS
Family Counseling Services of Northern Illinois	\$136,658
Booker Washington Center	\$71,704
Carpenter's Place	\$270,790
La Voz Latina	\$81,000
The Literacy Council (tutor lab)	\$42,882
The Literacy Council (work skills)	\$76,535
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	\$3,488
Patriots Gateway Center	\$238,384
PHASE/WAVE (substance-abuse prevention)	\$287,557
PHASE/WAVE (partner-abuse intervention)	\$110,900
Rosecrance	\$636,807
Rockford Rescue Mission	\$73,333
Reformers Unanimous	\$160,000
Rock Valley College (jail GED program)	\$77,987
The Salvation Army	\$294,918
YouthBuild	\$175,000
Youth Services Network	\$132,623
Ken-Rock Community Center (block grant)	\$70,000
Harlem Community Center (block grant)	\$70,000
Northwest Community Center (block grant)	\$70,000
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford (block grant)	\$70,000
Zion Lutheran Church (block grant)	\$70,000
Booker Washington Center (block grant)	\$70,000
Rock Valley/Higher Education Alliance for the Rock River Region	\$404,449
Total	\$3,695,015

Source: Winnebago County Adult Probation Department

Visit the county's Web site, co.winnebago.il.us, for a complete description of these programs, including month-to-month progress reports. Click on "departments," then scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Winnebago County Alternative Programs."