



News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Reboletti's Leadership Recognized

Representative received Advocacy Award for Juvenile Justice

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) recently received the Advocacy Award from Lutheran Child and Family Services in recognition of outstanding leadership and vision for legislation that promotes positive youth development in juvenile justice.

“Representative Reboletti believes in considering the individual circumstances of every youth who is involved in the justice system,” said Gene Svebakken, president of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois. “He values accurate information about youth and the system, as a basis for making policy decisions. He works in a bi-partisan way to promote policies that serve youth and communities well.”

David Roth, director of advocacy and civic engagement for Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, said Reboletti received the award for his leadership to reform the juvenile system.

“Representative Reboletti worked in a bi-partisan way on reform initiatives aimed at keeping kids out of detention and incarceration and in enrolled into effective support programs,” said Roth.

Reboletti co-sponsored two bills that advanced positive youth development policy:

- Senate Bill 1013 strengthens and expands Redeploy Illinois that encourages local governments to provide preventative services to youth in risky situations by providing a structure and a financial incentive. Communities that have enacted Redeploy Illinois have reduced youth sent to prisons by 33 percent in the first year of implementation and saved \$2.4 million.
- Senate Bill 1725 provides for a study to be conducted of juvenile offenders released from state custody and later returned for parole violations in an effort to find ways to help young offenders successfully complete the terms of their parole.

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