

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, APRIL 2024

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Data Overview and Notes

Overview

The present report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through the Vocational and Life Skills funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. NDCS staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research work with grantees to manage data entry errors on an ongoing basis using email, phone, and site visit communications.

The current data derives from an active database, from which data is being entered and updated daily. Data values, including previously submitted information, may fluctuate depending on the duration of lag between service delivery and data entry. One common example of this is when participants begin programming near the end of the month and grantee staff do not yet have intake information to enter for participants before the next data pull date. These changes will be reflected in future reports.

Notes on Data

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual per grantee.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH APRIL 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled ²	Total Completed ³	Completed Programming through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	232
Black Men United (BMU)	1	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	44	349
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	69	2	144
Mental Health Association (MHA)	106	101	656
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	192	76	1,187
Midland University	11	0	14
Opening Doors	67	0	135
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	0	46	237
ReConnect, Inc.	170	35	442
(WAC) Bristol Station	25	11	59
York College	12	0	3
Total	647	300	2,536

¹ Participant data are unique to each program and participants may be active in multiple programs.

² A summation of individuals who were actively participating in VLS funded programming during the specified month.

³ A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the specified month.

⁴ A running total of participants who completed a programming in Grant Cycle Five (GC5) through the specified month.

Program Offering Participations

VLS *Program offerings* were developed for each grantee so the evaluation may describe programming components. Each grantee provides different services; thus, each has a unique catalogue of offerings. Some participants only need one offering while others may receive multiple. The program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while being actively involved in other program offerings. VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served through Grant Cycle Five in each program offering is presented along with the status of those who enrolled in that program offering.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

From this month, there are **1** active participations in Associated Builders and Contractor’s program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Applied Construction Math	1	0	0	1
Electrical 1	1	0	2	3
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	146	10	0	156
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	163	11	1	175
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Total	319	24	3	346

Black Men United

From this month, there are **1** active participations in Black Men United’s program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Navigation	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Community Justice Center

There are **0** active participations in Community Justice Center’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Circles of Support	431	0	0	431
Community/Family Support	32	0	0	32
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	39	0	0	39
Victim Empathy	268	0	0	268
Total	770	0	0	770

Community Alliance

There are **146** active participations in Community Alliance’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Care Coordination	14	8	8	30
Charting a New Course	34	15	6	55
Employment Assistance	10	7	4	21
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	40	25	13	78
Housing Assistance	9	9	1	19
Integrated Health	7	4	2	13
Peer Support/Mentoring	7	3	1	11
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	1	3	0	4
Total	124	75	35	235

Mental Health Association

There are **108** active participations in Mental Health Association’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CARES	42	8	6	58
Hope	175	0	0	175
Outreach	9	0	0	9
Peer Prevention Group	479	0	0	479
Rent Wise	57	0	0	57
Total	762	8	6	778

Metropolitan Community College

There are **207** active participations in Metropolitan Community College’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CDL Preparation	17	0	0	17
Employment Readiness	300	0	0	300
Forklift Certification	17	0	0	17
Four-Week Workshop	1	0	0	1
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	390	0	63	453
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	213	0	0	213
OSHA	2	0	0	2
Orientation	736	0	0	736
Other Services	335	0	0	335
Trauma Informed Peer Support	53	0	0	53
Total	2,080	0	63	2,143

Midland University

There are **11** active participations in Midland University’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Code Academy	5	0	9	14
Total	5	0	9	14

Opening Doors

There are **69** active participations in Opening Door’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Connection	4	0	2	6
Center Core Competencies	103	2	11	116
Computer/Administrative Skills	84	0	1	85
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	4	0	0	4
Tooling-USNE	1		0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	31	0	3	34
Total	237	2	17	256

Persevere

There are **26** active participations in Persevere’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Readiness	0	0	1	1
Coding/Tech Instruction	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	2	2

Project Reset

There are **82** active participations in Project Reset’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Apprenticeship Employment	1	0	1	2
Core Foundations Workshop	40	1	2	43
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	26
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	48
Orientation Workshop	58	0	0	58
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	2
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	56
Trade Based Employment	7	0	0	7
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	29
Transitional Employment	20	1	5	26
Total	270	2	25	297

RISE

There are **0** active participations in RISE’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Business Academy Program	18	0	1	19
Crisis Intervention	62	0	0	62
Emotional Support	880	1	0	881
Employment Assistance	124	0	0	124
Family Program	14	0	0	14
Financial Assistance	25	0	0	25
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	87	0	0	87
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	114	0	0	114
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
Reentry Planning	302	0	0	302
Substance Use Assistance	5	0	0	5
Transportation Assistance	25	0	0	25
Total	1,741	5	7	1,753

ReConnect, INC

There are **185** active participations in ReConnect’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	62	0	0	62
GPS (self-paced)	39	0	0	39
KEYS 1	36	0	0	36
KEYS 2	24	0	0	24
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Post-Release Reentry Support	101	1	1	104
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	4	0	0	4
Right Start 2.0	177	0	0	177
Success Prep	101	0	1	102
Success Prep-Bloom	28	0	2	30
Total	581	1	4	587

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **141** active participations in Bristol Station’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Communication Skills/Problem Solving	2	0	0	2
Conflict Resolution	32	12	3	47
Dress for Success	31	13	3	47
Employment Readiness	32	2	0	34
Employment Retention	24	9	1	34
Interviewing Skills	31	13	3	47
Job Coaching	31	13	3	47
MRT	1	1	1	3
Money Management	5	1	0	6
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	15	1	0	16
Relapse Prevention Group	11	1	1	13
Residential Case Management	29	13	3	45
Residential Reentry	31	12	3	46
Transitional Skills	18	4	0	22
Victim Awareness	1	1	0	2
Total	294	96	21	411

York University

There are **12** active participations in York University’s program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Associate Degree	0	0	3	3
Total	0	0	3	3