

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS  
MONTHLY REPORT  
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## Data Overview and Notes

### Overview

This report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills (VLS) Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through VLS funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. Nebraska Department of Corrections (NDCS) staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR) 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 NCJR with the University of Nebraska Omaha ([ktowne@unomaha.edu](mailto:ktowne@unomaha.edu)).

Participants Served

Individuals served through December 2024<sup>1</sup>

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month <sup>2</sup>	Successful Completions last Month <sup>3</sup>	Total Completions through GC5 <sup>4</sup>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	316
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	132
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	31	31	283
Community Justice Center	16	0	1,058
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,931	10	1,139
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	223	179	2,047
Midland University	2	0	24
Opening Doors	45	38	259
Persevere	2	0	12
Project Reset	61	26	206
RISE	165	169	388
ReConnect, Inc.	333	47	883
(WAC) Bristol Station	18	9	98
York College	12	0	3
<b>Total Across Programs</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>4,444</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> A summation of individuals who are still progressing in VLS funded programming from the last month.

<sup>3</sup> A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the last month.

<sup>4</sup> A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming through the last 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 is **1** active participation 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	<b>1</b>
Core	19	0	7	<b>26</b>
Electrical 1	2	0	2	<b>4</b>
Electrical 2	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Electrical 4	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	200	10	0	<b>210</b>
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	226	11	1	<b>238</b>
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	<b>11</b>
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>496</b>

### Black Men United

From this month, there is **0** active participation 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	127	0	0	<b>127</b>
Workforce & Life Skills	15	0	0	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>

### Community Alliance

There are **126** 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	101	1	1	<b>103</b>
Charting a New Course	86	20	8	<b>114</b>
Employment Assistance	57	1	2	<b>60</b>
Family Support	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Financial Literacy	83	41	14	<b>138</b>
Housing Assistance	64	0	0	<b>64</b>
Integrated Health	30	1	1	<b>32</b>
Peer Support/Mentoring	24	0	1	<b>25</b>
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Transportation Assistance	20	0	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>559</b>

**Community Justice Center**

There are **16** active enrollments or completions in Community Justice Center’s program offerings from this month. 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
Circles of Support	849	0	0	<b>849</b>
Community/Family Support	65	0	0	<b>65</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	<b>44</b>
Victim Empathy	967	1	2	<b>970</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,928</b>

**Mental Health Association**

There are **2,099** 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	123	12	35	<b>170</b>
HONU	71	25	0	<b>96</b>
Hope	273	0	0	<b>273</b>
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Outreach	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Peer Prevention Group	803	0	0	<b>803</b>
Rent Wise	94	0	0	<b>94</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,447</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **245** 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
3 MCC Core Courses	2	0	0	2
Associate Degree	5	0	0	5
CDL Preparation	76	0	0	76
Employment Readiness	483	0	0	483
Forklift Certification	122	0	0	122
Four-Week Workshop	81	0	0	81
Job Readiness	160	0	0	160
Long-Term Relief Group	125	0	0	125
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	978	0	138	1,116
National Career Readiness Certificate	8	0	0	8
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	527	0	0	527
OSHA	50	0	0	50
Orientation	1,561	0	0	1,561
Other Services	805	0	0	805
Trauma Informed Peer Support	734	0	0	734
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,733</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>5,871</b>

**Midland University**

There are **2** 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.

<b>Program Offering</b>	<b>Satisfactory Completion</b>	<b>Terminated from Program</b>	<b>Withdrawn from Program</b>	<b>Total</b>
Reentry Code Academy	12	1	11	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>

**Opening Doors**

There are **48** 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.

<b>Program Offering</b>	<b>Satisfactory Completion</b>	<b>Terminated from Program</b>	<b>Withdrawn from Program</b>	<b>Total</b>
Career Connection	9	0	2	<b>11</b>
Center Core Competencies	198	5	39	<b>242</b>
Computer/Administrative Skills	207	3	19	<b>229</b>
MIG Welding	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Other	5	2	3	<b>10</b>
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	73	2	6	<b>81</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>584</b>



### Persevere

There are **4** 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	10	1	1	<b>12</b>
Coding/Tech Instruction	10	1	1	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>

### Project Reset

There are **137** 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	5	0	1	<b>6</b>
Core Foundations Workshop	40	1	2	<b>43</b>
Evolve	41	0	0	<b>41</b>
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	<b>26</b>
First Aid	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Fork Lift	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Hand and Power Tool Training	17	0	0	<b>17</b>
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	<b>48</b>
Mentorship	82	0	0	<b>82</b>
Orientation	175	0	0	<b>175</b>
OSHA 10	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Resiliency	114	0	0	<b>114</b>
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	<b>56</b>
Stability Factor Improved	79	0	0	<b>79</b>
Tape Measure Training	23	0	0	<b>23</b>
Trade Job Placement	13	0	0	<b>13</b>
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	<b>29</b>
Transitional Employment	32	1	5	<b>38</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>809</b>

**RISE**

There are **169** 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
Crisis Intervention	104	0	0	104
Emotional Support	1,942	1	0	1,943
Employment Assistance	251	0	0	251
Family Program	32	0	0	32
Financial Assistance	84	0	0	84
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	206	0	0	206
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	281	0	0	281
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
RISE	47	2	2	51
Reentry Planning	957	0	0	957
Substance Use Assistance	12	0	0	12
Transportation Assistance	92	0	0	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4,109</b>

**ReConnect, INC**

There are **361** 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.

<b>Program Offering</b>	<b>Satisfactory Completion</b>	<b>Terminated from Program</b>	<b>Withdrawn from Program</b>	<b>Total</b>
Career Prep	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Final Number	6	0	0	<b>6</b>
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	87	0	0	<b>87</b>
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	<b>42</b>
KEYS 1	68	0	0	<b>68</b>
KEYS 2	47	0	0	<b>47</b>
Post-Release Reentry Support	259	3	2	<b>264</b>
Ready for Work	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Right Start	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Right Start 2.0	401	0	1	<b>402</b>
Success Prep	296	18	18	<b>332</b>
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	<b>38</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,300</b>

**Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station**

There are **123** 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	14	2	0	16
Conflict Resolution	56	26	3	85
Dress for Success	56	25	3	84
Employment Readiness	64	2	0	66
Employment Retention	45	12	1	58
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	55	27	3	85
Job Coaching	55	26	3	84
MRT	2	0	1	3
Money Management	9	2	0	11
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	22	2	0	24
Relapse Prevention Group	17	5	1	23
Residential Case Management	53	27	3	83
Residential Reentry	55	26	3	84
Transitional Skills	30	6	0	36
Victim Awareness	6	2	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>755</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>