

# VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT


GRANT CYCLE FIVE, FEBRUARY 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.
- Data was migrated from QuickBase into NICaMS starting December 2022 and completed in March 2023. Reports were then built in NICaMS – OAC from April 2023 until January 2024. Thus, reporting has been delayed while waiting for this process to be completed.
  - As a result, the present report has been conducted for 3 months retrospectively and the in-progress numbers are not reported unless individuals are still active. Additionally, the columns criteria and definitions have been modified to better adhere to the NICaMS data reporting system.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research ([ktowne@unomaha.edu](mailto:ktowne@unomaha.edu)).

# Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH FEBRUARY 2024<sup>1</sup>

Program	Currently Enrolled <sup>2</sup>	Total Completed <sup>3</sup>	Completed Programming through GC5 <sup>4</sup>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	51	232
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	63	310
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	56	16	119
Mental Health Association (MHA)	53	214	543
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	0	295	1,037
Midland University	11	3	14
Opening Doors	29	19	99
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	0	142	220
ReConnect, Inc.	106	56	379
(WAC) Bristol Station	18	8	47
York College	12	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2,263</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 were actively participating in VLS funded programming during the specified month.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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	<b>1</b>
Electrical 1	1	0	2	<b>3</b>
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	146	10	0	<b>156</b>
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	163	11	1	<b>175</b>
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>346</b>

## Black Men United

From this month, there are **0** 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	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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	341	0	0	<b>341</b>
Community/Family Support	29	0	0	<b>29</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	35	0	0	<b>35</b>
Victim Empathy	235	0	0	<b>235</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>640</b>

### Community Alliance

There are **120** 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	12	8	6	<b>26</b>
Charting a New Course	33	13	5	<b>51</b>
Employment Assistance	10	7	3	<b>20</b>
Family Support	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Financial Literacy	31	15	11	<b>57</b>
Housing Assistance	8	9	1	<b>18</b>
Integrated Health	5	4	2	<b>11</b>
Peer Support/Mentoring	6	3	1	<b>10</b>
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Transportation Assistance	1	3	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>200</b>

### Mental Health Association

There are **53** 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	40	7	4	<b>51</b>
Hope	128	0	0	<b>128</b>
Outreach	9	0	0	<b>9</b>
Peer Prevention Group	399	0	0	<b>399</b>
Rent Wise	48	0	0	<b>48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>635</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **0** 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	<b>17</b>
Employment Readiness	300	0	0	<b>300</b>
Forklift Certification	17	0	0	<b>17</b>
Four-Week Workshop	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	<b>9</b>
MCC Credit Course	387	0	63	<b>450</b>
National Certification	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Non-Credit Workshop	180	0	0	<b>180</b>
OSHA	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Orientation	597	0	0	<b>597</b>
Other Services	288	0	0	<b>288</b>
Trauma Informed Peer Support	53	0	0	<b>53</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,920</b>

### 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	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>

### Opening Doors

There are **31** 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	<b>6</b>
Center Core Competencies	70	2	7	<b>79</b>
Computer/Administrative Skills	61	0	1	<b>62</b>
MIG Welding	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Other	4	0	0	<b>4</b>
Tooling-USNE	1		0	<b>1</b>
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	22	0	2	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>186</b>

### 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	<b>1</b>
Coding/Tech Instruction	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## 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	<b>2</b>
Core Foundations Workshop	40	1	2	<b>43</b>
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	<b>26</b>
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	<b>48</b>
Orientation Workshop	58	0	0	<b>58</b>
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	<b>56</b>
Trade Based Employment	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	<b>29</b>
Transitional Employment	20	1	5	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>297</b>



## 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	17	0	1	18
Crisis Intervention	49	0	0	49
Emotional Support	707	1	0	708
Employment Assistance	100	0	0	100
Family Program	9	0	0	9
Financial Assistance	17	0	0	17
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	51	0	0	51
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	90	0	0	90
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	24	3	1	28
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	57	1	4	62
Reentry Planning	240	0	0	240
Substance Use Assistance	5	0	0	5
Transportation Assistance	18	0	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,396</b>

ReConnect, INC

There are **116** 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	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	46	0	0	<b>46</b>
GPS (self-paced)	36	0	0	<b>35</b>
KEYS 1	26	0	0	<b>26</b>
KEYS 2	17	0	0	<b>17</b>
Other Services	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Post-Release Reentry Support	91	0	1	<b>93</b>
Ready for Work	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Right Start	4	0	0	<b>4</b>
Right Start 2.0	135	0	0	<b>135</b>
Success Prep	101	0	1	<b>102</b>
Success Prep-Bloom	28	0	2	<b>30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>494</b>

### Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **86** 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
Conflict Resolution	26	9	3	<b>38</b>
Dress for Success	25	10	3	<b>38</b>
Employment Readiness	25	2	0	<b>27</b>
Employment Retention	18	6	1	<b>25</b>
Interviewing Skills	25	10	3	<b>38</b>
Job Coaching	25	10	3	<b>38</b>
MRT	1	1	1	<b>3</b>
Money Management	5	1	0	<b>6</b>
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	13	1	0	<b>14</b>
Relapse Prevention Group	9	0	1	<b>10</b>
Residential Case Management	23	10	3	<b>36</b>
Residential Reentry	25	9	3	<b>37</b>
Transitional Skills	14	4	0	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>328</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	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>