

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).

Participants Served

Individuals served through June 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled Participants from last Month ²	Participants who had Satisfactory Completion Last Month ³	Participant Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	7	284
Black Men United (BMU)	1	0	22
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	65	8	193
Community Justice Center	15	94	795
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,586	77	767
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	183	162	1,426
Midland University	7	0	16
Opening Doors	66	22	173
Persevere	2	10	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	154	183	313
ReConnect, Inc.	166	77	611
(WAC) Bristol Station	11	10	70
York College	12	0	3
Total Participants Across VLS	2,098	578	3,251

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

² A summation of individuals who are still progressing in VLS programming from last month.

³ A summation of individuals who successfully completed VLS 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 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	1
Core	19	0	7	26
Electrical 1	2	0	2	4
Electrical 2	2	0	1	3
Electrical 4	2	0	0	2
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	183	10	0	193
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	191	11	1	203
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
Total	409	24	11	444

Black Men United

From this month, there is 1 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	20	0	0	20
Workforce & Life Skills	3	0	0	3
Total	23	0	0	23

Community Justice Center

There are **15** 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
CJC Victim Impact/Empathy	415	1	2	418
Circles of Support	533	0	0	533
Community/Family Support	32	0	0	32
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	41	0	0	41
Victim Empathy	320	0	0	320
Total	1,341	1	2	1,344

Community Alliance

There are **115** 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	35	1	1	37
Charting a New Course	56	18	7	81
Employment Assistance	20	1	2	24
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	54	41	14	109
Housing Assistance	21	0	0	21
Integrated Health	12	1	1	14
Peer Support/Mentoring	10	0	1	11
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	4	0	0	4
Total	214	63	26	304

Mental Health Association

There are **1,677** 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	62	8	15	83
Hope	219	0	0	219
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	21	0	0	21
Outreach	9	0	0	9
Peer Prevention Group	531	0	0	531
Rent Wise	66	0	0	66
Total	909	8	15	932

Metropolitan Community College

There are **199** 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	32	0	0	32
Employment Readiness	375	0	0	375
Forklift Certification	68	0	0	68
Four-Week Workshop	40	0	0	40
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	577	0	87	664
National Career Readiness Certificate	3	0	0	3
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	277	0	0	277
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Orientation	908	0	0	908
Other Services	447	0	0	447
Trauma Informed Peer Support	239	0	0	239
Total	3,041	0	87	3,128

Midland University

There are **7** 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	11	16
Total	5	0	11	16

Opening Doors

There are **68** 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	131	4	16	151
Computer/Administrative Skills	127	2	8	137
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	4	2	0	6
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	49	1	3	53
Total	326	9	31	366

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	12
Coding/Tech Instruction	10	1	1	12
Total	20	2	2	24

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 **157** 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	85	0	0	85
Emotional Support	1,285	0	0	1,285
Employment Assistance	172	0	0	172
Family Program	22	0	0	22
Financial Assistance	54	0	0	54
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	132	0	0	132
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	156	0	0	156
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	480	0	0	480
Substance Use Assistance	6	0	0	6
Transportation Assistance	45	0	0	45
Total	2,569	7	8	2,584

ReConnect, INC

There are **187** 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
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	5
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	70	0	0	70
GPS (self-paced)	40	0	0	40
KEYS 1	49	0	0	49
KEYS 2	30	0	0	30
Post-Release Reentry Support	177	1	2	180
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	4	0	0	4
Right Start 2.0	223	0	1	224
Success Prep	202	1	11	214
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	843	2	16	861

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **83** 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	6	1	0	7
Conflict Resolution	43	14	3	60
Dress for Success	43	14	3	60
Employment Readiness	39	2	0	41
Employment Retention	35	9	1	45
Interviewing Skills	42	15	3	60
Job Coaching	42	15	3	60
MRT	1	0	1	2
Money Management	7	1	0	8
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	18	2	0	20
Relapse Prevention Group	14	3	1	18
Residential Case Management	40	15	3	58
Residential Reentry	42	14	3	59
Transitional Skills	19	5	0	24
Victim Awareness	2	1	0	3
Total	397	111	21	529

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