

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS
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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 (VLS) 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. 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 the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

Individuals served through May 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	15	279
Black Men United (BMU)	1	0	1
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	57	25	183
Community Justice Center	0	0	0
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,390	37	688
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	115	177	1,298
Midland University	11	0	14
Opening Doors	68	33	159
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	177	50	281
ReConnect, Inc.	161	112	549
(WAC) Bristol Station	252	11	173
York College	12	0	3
Total	2,123	426	2,703

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	14	0	7	21
Electrical 1	2	0	2	4
Electrical 2	2	0	1	3
Electrical 4	2	0	0	2
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	182	10	0	192
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	189	11	1	201
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
Total	401	24	11	436

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	1	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	1

Community Justice Center

There are **0** active enrollments or completions in Community Justice Center’s program offerings from this month.

Community Alliance

There are **133** 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	16	8	8	32
Charting a New Course	55	16	7	78
Employment Assistance	11	7	4	22
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	46	41	15	102
Housing Assistance	9	9	1	19
Integrated Health	8	4	2	14
Peer Support/Mentoring	7	3	1	11
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	1	3	0	4
Care Coordination	16	8	8	32
Total	155	92	38	285

Mental Health Association

There are **1,465** 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	47	8	10	65
Hope	182	0	0	182
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Outreach	9	0	0	9
Peer Prevention Group	498	0	0	498
Rent Wise	66	0	0	66
Total	803	8	10	821

Metropolitan Community College

There are **124** 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
Associate Degree	3	0	0	3
CDL Preparation	23	0	0	23
Employment Readiness	328	0	0	328
Forklift Certification	51	0	0	51
Four-Week Workshop	1	0	0	1
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	490	0	83	573
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	217	0	0	217
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Orientation	830	0	0	830
Other Services	341	0	0	341
Trauma Informed Peer Support	86	0	0	86
Total	2,403	0	83	2,486

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 **71** 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	123	3	12	138
Computer/Administrative Skills	118	2	2	122
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	4	1	0	5
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	44	0	3	47
Total	304	6	19	329

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 **180** 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	72	0	0	72
Crisis Intervention	1,071	1	0	1,072
Emotional Support	151	0	0	151
Employment Assistance	16	0	0	16
Family Program	31	0	0	31
Financial Assistance	1	0	0	1
Focused Cognitive Work	103	0	0	103
Housing Assistance	134	0	0	134
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	17	2	2	21
Reentry Planning	376	0	0	376
Substance Use Assistance	6	0	0	6
Transportation Assistance	31	0	0	31
Total	2,093	7	8	2,108

ReConnect, INC

There are **179** 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	69	0	0	69
GPS (self-paced)	39	0	0	39
KEYS 1	44	0	0	44
KEYS 2	28	0	0	28
Post-Release Reentry Support	142	1	1	144
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	4	0	0	4
Right Start 2.0	200	0	1	201
Success Prep	178	0	3	181
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	747	1	7	755

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **336** 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	4	1	0	5
Conflict Resolution	40	14	3	57
Dress for Success	40	14	3	57
Employment Readiness	33	2	0	35
Employment Retention	32	9	1	42
Interviewing Skills	39	15	3	57
Job Coaching	39	15	3	57
MRT	93	9	11	113
Money Management	6	1	0	7
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	16	2	0	18
Relapse Prevention Group	14	3	1	18
Residential Case Management	37	15	3	55
Residential Reentry	39	14	3	56
Transitional Skills	18	5	0	23
Victim Awareness	1	1	0	2
Total	453	120	31	604

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