

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, NOVEMBER 2023

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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.
 - Reporting has been delayed while waiting for this process to be completed. The present report has been conducted for 7 months retrospectively and the in-progress numbers are not reported unless individuals are still active.
 - 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).

Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023¹

Program	Currently Enrolled ²	Total Completed ³	Completed Programming through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	27	155
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	51	208
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	16	5	87
Mental Health Association (MHA)	18	69	319
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	0	265	715
Midland University	0	0	6
Opening Doors	26	22	78
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	17	14	77
RISE	0	130	185
ReConnect, Inc.	46	44	265
(WAC) Bristol Station	9	7	34
York College	12	0	1
Total	157	575	1,645

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 **0** 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	94	8	0	102
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	102	7	1	110
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	1	0	0	1
Total	199	15	3	217

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	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	184	0	0	184
Community/Family Support	29	0	0	29
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	20	0	0	20
Victim Empathy	146	0	0	146
Total	379	0	0	379

Community Alliance

There are **59** 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	5	5	2	12
Charting a New Course	12	1	5	18
Employment Assistance	7	2	2	11
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	29	14	9	52
Housing Assistance	5	7	1	13
Integrated Health	2	3	2	7
Peer Support/Mentoring	3	1	1	5
Substance Use Support Group	1	0	0	1
Transportation Assistance	1	3	0	4
Total	65	37	22	124

Mental Health Association

There are **18** 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	32	5	4	41
Hope	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	270	0	0	270
Rent Wise	19	0	0	19
Total	322	5	4	331

Metropolitan Community College

There is **1** active participation 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	15	0	0	15
Employment Readiness	190	0	0	190
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	222	0	21	243
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	132	0	0	132
Orientation	356	0	0	356
Other Services	288	0	0	288
Trauma Informed Peer Support	38	0	0	38
Total	1,275	0	21	1,296

Midland University

There are **0** 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	1	6
Total	5	0	1	6

Opening Doors

There are **27** 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	52	2	7	61
Computer/Administrative Skills	39	0	1	40
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	2	0	0	2
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	22	0	2	24
Total	130	2	12	144

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 **68** 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	35	1	2	38
Financial Wellness Workshop	24	0	0	24
Job Coaching and Development	42	0	0	42
Orientation Workshop	51	0	0	51
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	2
Resume and Interview Workshop	46	0	1	47
Trade Based Employment	5	0	0	5
Trade Preparation Workshop	9	0	16	25
Transitional Employment	16	1	4	21
Total	231	2	24	257

ReConnect, INC

There are **51** 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	1	0	0	1
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	29	0	0	29
GPS (self-paced)	18	0	0	18
KEYS 1	14	0	0	14
KEYS 2	8	0	0	8
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Post-Release Reentry Support	62	0	1	64
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	3	0	0	3
Right Start 2.0	87	0	0	87
Success Prep	76	0	1	77
Success Prep-Bloom	14	0	2	16
Total	315	0	4	320

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	9	0	1	10
Crisis Intervention	21	0	0	21
Emotional Support	309	0	0	309
Employment Assistance	47	0	0	47
Family Program	3	0	0	3
Financial Assistance	7	0	0	7
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	22	0	0	22
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	38	0	0	38
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	11	3	1	15
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	12	1	4	17
Reentry Planning	99	0	0	99
Substance Use Assistance	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	4	0	0	4
Total	585	4	6	595

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **47** 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	14	7	1	22
Dress for Success	14	7	1	22
Employment Readiness	14	0	0	14
Employment Retention	9	3	0	12
Interviewing Skills	14	7	1	22
Job Coaching	14	7	1	22
MRT	1	1	1	3
Money Management	3	1	0	4
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	9	1	0	10
Relapse Prevention Group	4	0	1	5
Residential Case Management	12	7	1	20
Residential Reentry	14	7	1	22
Transitional Skills	9	2	0	11
Total	131	50	8	189

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	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0