

# 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 November 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	310
Black Men United (BMU)	0	6	132
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	33	6	270
Community Justice Center	16	76	1,028
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,837	70	1,130
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	3	347	1,956
Midland University	2	0	24
Opening Doors	42	34	247
Persevere	2	0	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	165	70	378
ReConnect, Inc.	302	45	838
(WAC) Bristol Station	15	8	93
York College	12	0	3
<b>Total Across Programs</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>4,273</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	192	10	0	<b>202</b>
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	218	11	1	<b>230</b>
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	<b>11</b>
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>480</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 **131** 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	92	1	1	<b>94</b>
Charting a New Course	72	20	8	<b>100</b>
Employment Assistance	54	1	2	<b>57</b>
Family Support	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Financial Literacy	76	41	14	<b>131</b>
Housing Assistance	61	0	0	<b>61</b>
Integrated Health	30	1	1	<b>32</b>
Peer Support/Mentoring	20	0	1	<b>21</b>
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Transportation Assistance	20	0	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>519</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	794	0	0	<b>794</b>
Community/Family Support	57	0	0	<b>57</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	<b>44</b>
Victim Empathy	948	1	2	<b>951</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,846</b>

**Mental Health Association**

There are **2,001** 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	106	12	35	<b>153</b>
HONU	68	24	0	<b>92</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>1,355</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,426</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **3** 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	58	0	0	58
Employment Readiness	464	0	0	464
Forklift Certification	122	0	0	122
Four-Week Workshop	81	0	0	81
Job Readiness	109	0	0	109
Long-Term Relief Group	95	0	0	95
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	971	0	134	1,105
National Career Readiness Certificate	6	0	0	6
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	504	0	0	504
OSHA	50	0	0	50
Orientation	1,459	0	0	1,459
Other Services	768	0	0	768
Trauma Informed Peer Support	679	0	0	679
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,389</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>5,523</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.

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

**Opening Doors**

There are **44** 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	7	0	2	<b>8</b>
Center Core Competencies	186	5	39	<b>230</b>
Computer/Administrative Skills	186	3	19	<b>208</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	68	2	6	<b>76</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>544</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.

<b>Program Offering</b>	<b>Satisfactory Completion</b>	<b>Terminated from Program</b>	<b>Withdrawn from Program</b>	<b>Total</b>
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 **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.

<b>Program Offering</b>	<b>Satisfactory Completion</b>	<b>Terminated from Program</b>	<b>Withdrawn from Program</b>	<b>Total</b>
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 **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	102	0	0	<b>102</b>
Emotional Support	1,799	1	0	<b>1,800</b>
Employment Assistance	232	0	0	<b>232</b>
Family Program	32	0	0	<b>32</b>
Financial Assistance	79	0	0	<b>79</b>
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Housing Assistance	191	0	0	<b>191</b>
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	265	0	0	<b>265</b>
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	<b>29</b>
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	<b>65</b>
RISE	47	2	2	<b>51</b>
Reentry Planning	846	0	0	<b>846</b>
Substance Use Assistance	12	0	0	<b>12</b>
Transportation Assistance	83	0	0	<b>83</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,789</b>

### ReConnect, INC

There are **324** 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
Career Prep	1	0	0	1
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	5
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	85	0	0	85
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	66	0	0	66
KEYS 2	45	0	0	45
Post-Release Reentry Support	259	3	2	264
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	361	0	1	362
Success Prep	293	18	13	324
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,244</b>

### Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **104** 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	55	23	3	81
Dress for Success	55	23	3	81
Employment Readiness	59	2	0	61
Employment Retention	43	12	1	56
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	54	24	3	81
Job Coaching	54	24	3	81
MRT	2	0	1	3
Money Management	8	2	0	10
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	21	2	0	23
Relapse Prevention Group	17	4	1	22
Residential Case Management	52	24	3	79
Residential Reentry	54	23	3	80
Transitional Skills	28	5	0	33
Victim Awareness	4	2	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>718</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>