

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 October 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	309
Black Men United (BMU)	0	9	126
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	29	19	265
Community Justice Center	15	83	986
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,762	56	1,052
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	216	207	1,861
Midland University	0	0	24
Opening Doors	42	28	230
Persevere	2	0	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	165	116	371
ReConnect, Inc.	245	58	817
(WAC) Bristol Station	16	7	88
York College	12	0	3
Total	2,308	527	4,092

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

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	191	10	0	201
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	217	11	1	229
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
Total	443	24	11	478

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	125	0	0	125
Workforce & Life Skills	11	0	0	11
Total	136	0	0	136

Community Alliance

There are **107** 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	87	1	1	89
Charting a New Course	72	18	7	97
Employment Assistance	52	1	2	55
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	76	41	14	131
Housing Assistance	59	0	0	59
Integrated Health	26	1	1	28
Peer Support/Mentoring	20	0	1	21
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	20	0	0	20
Total	414	63	26	503

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
Circles of Support	723	0	0	723
Community/Family Support	57	0	0	57
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	44
Victim Empathy	911	1	2	914
Total	1,735	1	2	1,738

Mental Health Association

There are **1,907** 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	97	12	27	136
HONU	67	24	0	91
Hope	273	0	0	273
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	21	0	0	21
Outreach	10	0	0	10
Peer Prevention Group	712	0	0	712
Rent Wise	94	0	0	94
Total	1,275	36	27	1,338

Metropolitan Community College

There are **239** 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	448	0	0	448
Forklift Certification	112	0	0	112
Four-Week Workshop	40	0	0	40
Job Readiness	88	0	0	88
Long-Term Relief Group	84	0	0	84
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	775	0	113	892
National Career Readiness Certificate	6	0	0	6
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	488	0	0	488
OSHA	50	0	0	50
Orientation	1,371	0	0	1,371
Other Services	715	0	0	715
Trauma Informed Peer Support	619	0	0	619
Total	4,877	0	117	4,994

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	12	1	11	24
Total	12	1	11	24

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.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Connection	6	0	2	8
Center Core Competencies	172	5	35	212
Computer/Administrative Skills	172	3	15	190
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	5	2	3	10
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	62	2	5	69
Total	428	12	60	500

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 **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	100	0	0	100
Emotional Support	1,744	1	0	1,745
Employment Assistance	223	0	0	223
Family Program	31	0	0	31
Financial Assistance	72	0	0	72
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	181	0	0	181
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	253	0	0	253
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	780	0	0	780
Substance Use Assistance	10	0	0	10
Transportation Assistance	74	0	0	74
Total	3,600	7	8	3,615

ReConnect, INC

There are **266** 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	83	0	0	83
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	65	0	0	65
KEYS 2	43	0	0	43
Post-Release Reentry Support	255	3	2	260
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	340	0	1	341
Success Prep	278	18	12	308
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	1,159	21	17	1,197

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **115** 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	13	2	0	15
Conflict Resolution	53	20	3	76
Dress for Success	53	20	3	76
Employment Readiness	54	2	0	56
Employment Retention	42	11	1	54
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	52	21	3	76
Job Coaching	52	21	3	76
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	50	21	3	74
Residential Reentry	52	20	3	75
Transitional Skills	28	5	0	33
Victim Awareness	4	2	0	6
Total	506	153	21	680

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