

# VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE 5, SEPTEMBER 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. Thus, reporting has been delayed while waiting for this process to be completed.
  - As a result, the present report has been conducted for 7 months retrospectively and the in-progress numbers are not reported unless individuals are still active. Additionally, 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](mailto:ktowne@unomaha.edu)).

# Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2023<sup>1</sup>

Program	Currently Enrolled <sup>2</sup>	Total Completed <sup>3</sup>	Completed Programming through GC5 <sup>4</sup>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	13	100
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	73	156
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	10	22	45
Mental Health Association (MHA)	13	74	203
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	0	191	494
Midland University	0	0	1
Opening Doors	0	34	58
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	13	20	56
RISE	0	17	138
ReConnect, Inc.	24	49	164
(WAC) Bristol Station	5	6	28
York College	12	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,171</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 were actively participating in VLS funded programming during the specified month.

<sup>3</sup> A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the specified month.

<sup>4</sup> 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	<b>1</b>
Electrical 1	1	0	2	<b>3</b>
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	75	8	0	<b>83</b>
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	49	6	1	<b>56</b>
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>144</b>

## 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	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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	118	0	0	<b>118</b>
Community/Family Support	29	0	0	<b>29</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Victim Empathy	103	0	0	<b>103</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260</b>

### Community Alliance

There are **38** 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	2	4	1	<b>7</b>
Charting a New Course	10	1	3	<b>14</b>
Employment Assistance	5	2	2	<b>9</b>
Family Support	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Financial Literacy	4	5	7	<b>16</b>
Housing Assistance	4	6	0	<b>10</b>
Integrated Health	0	2	2	<b>4</b>
Peer Support/Mentoring	3	1	1	<b>5</b>
Substance Use Support Group	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Transportation Assistance	1	2	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>70</b>

### Mental Health Association

There are **13** 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	20	2	3	<b>25</b>
Peer Prevention Group	179	0	0	<b>179</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>204</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **0** 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
CDL Preparation	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Employment Readiness	117	0	0	<b>117</b>
Forklift Certification	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Four-Week Workshop	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	<b>9</b>
MCC Credit Course	71	0	15	<b>86</b>
Non-Credit Workshop	95	0	0	<b>95</b>
Orientation	235	0	0	<b>235</b>
Other Services	281	0	0	<b>281</b>
Trauma Informed Peer Support	26	0	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>862</b>

### 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	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Opening Doors

There are **0** 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	3	0	2	5
Center Core Competencies	37	2	6	45
Computer/Administrative Skills	19	0	1	20
MIG Welding	6	0	0	6
Other	2	0	0	2
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	11	0	2	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>91</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## Project Reset

There are **52** 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	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Core Foundations Workshop	22	1	2	<b>25</b>
Financial Wellness Workshop	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Job Coaching and Development	20	0	0	<b>20</b>
Orientation Workshop	37	0	0	<b>37</b>
Resume and Interview Workshop	21	0	1	<b>22</b>
Trade Based Employment	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Trade Preparation Workshop	3	0	9	<b>12</b>
Transitional Employment	5	1	3	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>140</b>

## 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	4	0	0	<b>4</b>
Crisis Intervention	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Emotional Support	161	0	0	<b>161</b>
Employment Assistance	28	0	0	<b>28</b>
Family Program	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Financial Assistance	3	0	0	<b>3</b>
Housing Assistance	16	0	0	<b>16</b>
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	16	0	0	<b>16</b>
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	10	3	1	<b>14</b>
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	7	1	4	<b>12</b>
Reentry Planning	31	0	0	<b>31</b>
Transportation Assistance	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>274</b>



## ReConnect, INC

There are **25** 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	<b>1</b>
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	25	0	0	<b>25</b>
GPS (self-paced)	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
KEYS 1	12	0	0	<b>12</b>
KEYS 2	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Other Services	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Post-Release Reentry Support	44	0	1	<b>46</b>
Ready for Work	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Right Start	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Right Start 2.0	65	0	0	<b>65</b>
Success Prep	26	0	1	<b>27</b>
Success Prep-Bloom	7	0	2	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>201</b>

### Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **21** 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	9	7	0	<b>16</b>
Dress for Success	9	7	0	<b>16</b>
Employment Readiness	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Employment Retention	5	3	0	<b>8</b>
Interviewing Skills	9	7	0	<b>16</b>
Job Coaching	9	7	0	<b>16</b>
MRT	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Money Management	3	1	0	<b>4</b>
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	6	1	0	<b>7</b>
Relapse Prevention Group	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Residential Case Management	7	7	0	<b>14</b>
Residential Reentry	9	7	0	<b>16</b>
Transitional Skills	4	2	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>118</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	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>