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DATA OVERVIEW

APRIL 2020 MONTHLY DATA: PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETIONS

OVERVIEW

Grantees use an online data management system to submit data on participants served under their Vocational and Life Skills programming. This data is due monthly and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. Evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research work with grantees directly to manage data entry errors on an ongoing basis during update calls and site visits.

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 monthly reports.

NOTES ON DATA

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual per grantee.
- There are some duplicate participants in this report. This is due to some participants leaving programming and subsequently returning to receive additional services. The participant data presented in this report reflects only the first participation for each grantee. Program offerings are reported for all participations.
- Program offerings with an end date past the end of the current month are considered “in progress”.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

New Participants: Participants beginning programming in the specified month.

Total Served: Unique individuals served by grantee during the specified month. This is the summation of 1) participants that completed programming during the month with 2) those who have not yet completed, but who are receiving services and were listed as active during the month.

Successfully Completed: Participants who have completed overall programming during the month. Completion status is determined by grantee. Successful completions vary widely both within grantees and across grantees. Most grantees develop individualized programming plans for each participant. Therefore, curricula that results in a successful completion are not comprised of the same program offerings for every individual.

Grant Cycle Three Receiving Programming: Unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle Three.

Grant Cycle Three Successful Completions: Participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle Three.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM

This table provides information on the exit status of participants who ended their participation with a grantee during the month. The exit status totals by grantee are presented.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

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, which may affect their total length of programming. Beyond successful completion, program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while actively involved in other program offerings. They will not be shown as successfully completing the grantee's program until they have completed their program plan (which includes an indeterminate number of offerings, based on need) established by the grantee. In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served through Grant Cycle Three in each program offering is presented along with the status of those in that program offering (completed, in progress, incomplete). VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

APRIL 2020 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants in April	Total Served in April	Successfully Completed in April	Received Programming through Grant Cycle Three	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle Three
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	13	499	5	1,178	985
Bristol Station	3	129	4	290	171
Center for People in Need-TRADE	0	525	0	987	628
Mental Health Association (MHA)	36	1,170	0	1,791	1,326
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	51	1,671	40	2,748	1,963
Mid-Plains Community College	0	195	0	195	192
ReConnect, Inc.	84	1,103	2	1,987	1,327
York College	0	24	0	24	12
Total	187	5,316	51	9,200	6,604

¹ All participant data is on participants unique to each program. Some participants are active in multiple programs.

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PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN APRIL 2020 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other²	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	5	2	0	0	7
Bristol Station	4	0	0	0	4
Center for People in Need-TRADE	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Health Association (MHA)	0	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	40	2	0	0	42
Mid-Plains Community College	0	0	0	0	0
ReConnect, Inc.	2	0	0	0	2
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	51	4	0	0	55

² **Other** category includes terminated due to employment, referred to other agency, moved or cases that do not fall into category options.

GRANT CYCLE THREE PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

Note: Program updates are included above each program offering table.

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Electrical was added as a program offering in January '17. In July '17, participants began Construction Technology 2 at NSP. In November '17, there were participants starting in Construction Technology 1 and Plumbing. In December '17, participants began Construction Technology 3. Virtual welding began in March '18.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	12	19	13	44
Carpentry 1	0	2	0	2
Construction Technology 1	19	15	11	45
Construction Technology 2	0	22	0	22
Core	106	55	32	193
Electrical 1	3	3	0	6
Electrical 2	0	2	1	3
HVAC 1	0	1	0	1
HVAC 2	1	0	0	1
HVAC 3	0	1	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	344	1	8	353
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	298	0	21	319
Plumbing 1	0	1	0	1
Plumbing 2	0	1	0	1
Virtual Electrical	45	12	15	72
Total	828	135	101	1,064

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

BRISTOL STATION

WAC Bristol Station program offerings changed in January '17 to reflect the services they provide underneath their vocational, life skills and residential reentry programming. Participations in anger management started in February '17. Bristol Station added a Relapse Prevention Group in January '18. In March '18, Parenting Skills was added as a program offering.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	9	0	2	11
Conflict Resolution	56	22	26	104
Dress for Success	55	22	26	103
Family Reunification	25	2	10	37
Interviewing Skills	55	22	26	103
Job Coaching	56	22	26	104
Job Readiness	72	0	5	77
Money Management	6	1	4	11
MRT	4	2	19	25
Problem Solving	1	0	0	1
Relapse Prevention Group	17	5	13	35
Residential Reentry	92	22	1	115
Transitional Skills	43	5	12	60
Transportation Independence	22	0	1	23
Total	513	125	171	809

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020**CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)**

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	155	14	9	178
Core Classes - In Facility	139	0	32	171
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	74	12	18	104
Office Professional Module	31	10	9	50
Other Services	1	1	0	2
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	36	3	6	45
Welding Module	60	16	17	93
Total	497	56	91	644

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Rent Wise was added as a program offering and participation began in February '17. A new program offering for Wrap Mentor was also added in February for participants who finished the Wrap program offering and then returned as a Wrap Mentor for others during this month. A Day Guest program offering was added in November '17 for participants who utilize Honu or Keya for day support. Peer Prevention Group was added to programming in March '18. Life Skills was added to programming in November of '19.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	14	0	2	16
Honu	111	18	45	174
Hope	217	74	50	341
Inmate Support	12	43	1	56
Intentional Peer Support	1	7	0	8
Peer Prevention Group	326	147	0	473
Peer Supported Housing	0	1	0	1
Real	142	35	0	177
Rent Wise	5	4	2	11
Wrap	311	45	19	375
Wrap Mentor	10	4	1	15
Total	1,149	378	120	1,647

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Metro Community College added a National Career Readiness Certificate program offering in March '17. MCC classes were not offered for the 2017 summer quarter due to grant funding. Many of the incomplete program offerings below (3 MCC Core Courses, Career Certification) are due to the break in programming in those areas. These participants were closed out and MCC will add in another program participation if they continue these programs in the future. Trauma Informed Peer Support began in February '18. Always Growing was added as a new program offering in March '18. A continuation of Always Growing, Always Growing II, was started in April '18. Job Readiness and Orientation were also added as new program offerings in April '18. MCC added birth certificate and food pantry to the Other Services program offering in November '19.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	109	181	265	555
Always Growing	10	0	0	10
Associate's Degree	0	30	20	50
Career Certification	6	26	43	75
CDL	27	1	5	33
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	157	0	0	157
Foundation Classes	217	1	18	236
Four-Week Workshop	58	0	3	61
GED	2	6	27	35
Initial Communication	341	88	66	495
Job Readiness	236	148	6	390
Long-Term Relief Group	58	42	9	109
MCC Certificate of Completion	7	0	0	7
National Career Readiness Certificate	106	0	0	106
National Certification	3	8	11	22
Non-Credit Workshop	148	0	0	148
Orientation	1,088	0	0	1,088
OSHA	19	1	1	21
Total	2,602	532	474	3,608

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mid-Plains Community College joined VLS in July '18. They offer four program offerings designed to address public safety issues for businesses and reduce recidivism.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
CDL Prep Training	33	0	8	41
Forklift Operator	121	0	0	121
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	109	0	0	109
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	101	0	0	101
Total	364	0	8	372

RECONNECT, INC

ReConnect offered a one-day Success Prep workshop in WEC that is a separate program offering. Reentry support is now two separate program offerings for Pre-Release and Post-Release support beginning in January '17. Right Start, an employment interest assessment and job search program, started in August '17. Pass It On, a personal development program targeting men serving lengthy sentences, began in September '17. Success Prep-Bloom, which is a Prep workshop tailored to women, began in July '19. Key ²Life Success and Goals, Plans, and Strategies was developed in response to Covid-19 program limitations, began in March '20.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	15	0	1	16
Final Number	258	1	6	265
Key ² Life Success	21	0	0	21
Goals, Plans, and Strategies	51	46	0	97
Orientation	7	0	0	7
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Pass It On	31	0	3	34
Post-Release Reentry Support	107	58	3	168
Pre-Release Reentry Support	183	349	4	536
Ready for Work	229	2	0	231
Right Start	132	5	9	146
Success Prep	302	17	49	368
Success Prep-Bloom	6	0	3	9
Total	1,344	478	78	1,900

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH APRIL 2020

YORK COLLEGE

York College joined VLS in July '18. They offer five program offerings designed to transform lives through faith-based education to encourage moral and spiritual development.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	33	0	0	33
Critical Thinking	23	12	0	35
Ethical Inquiry	32	1	0	33
Social Responsibility	44	1	0	45
Spiritual Formation	34	13	0	47
Total	166	27	0	193