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DATA OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY DATA: OVERALL 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 monthly update calls and regular site visits.

The current data derives from an active database, with live data being entered and updated daily. Data values, including previously submitted information, may fluctuate depending on changes made from data entry oversight. One common example of this is when participants begin programming near the end of the month and program 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 for each program.
- Some participants will leave programming and then return to either finish programming they previously started or to receive additional services. These participations are not reported separately in this monthly report. The participant data reflects only the first participation in each program for completions and numbers served. Program areas are reported for all participant participations.
- Program areas with an end date past the end of the current month are switched to in progress instead of complete or incomplete. Any completions past the date will be reported in the next monthly data report.
- Questions on data presented below can be directed to Katelynn Towne at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

New Participants: The number of participants beginning programming in the specified month who were not served by the program in previous months of the grant cycle.

Total Served: The number of unique individuals served during the month by programs. This is determined by calculating the number of participants that completed programming during the month and those who have not yet completed, but who are receiving services and are listed as active during the month.

Successfully Completed: Participants who have completed overall programming during the month and programs have determined they have successfully completed. Successful completions vary widely both within programs and across programs. Most programs develop individualized plans for each participant. Therefore, successful completion does not mean the same thing for every individual.

Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming: The cumulative total of unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle 3.

Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions: The cumulative total of participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle 3.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM

This table provides information on the exit status of participants who ended their participation in the overall program during the month. The exit status selected by programs for each participant are displayed.

PROGRAM AREAS

Program areas were developed for each program this grant cycle to be able to provide a more complete picture of program participation for each participant. Each program divides their programming into different areas where participants receive services. Some participants only need one service while others may receive a multitude of services which may affect their program length. Beyond successfully completing the entire program, program areas show how participants are still actively participating in programming. They may complete one program area while still being actively involved in other program areas. They will not be shown as successfully completing the program until they have completed their program plan established by the program. In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served in each program area is presented along with the status of those in that program area (completed, in progress, incomplete). Participants can be served in multiple program areas. These reports will show changes over time in how participants are moving through programming. Quarterly reports will explain program areas for each program in more detail.

FEBRUARY 2019 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants in February	Total Served in February	Successfully Completed in February	Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	37	160	0	899	662
Bristol Station	2	27	3	217	124
Center for People in Need-TRADE	23	136	3	667	422
Mental Health Association (MHA)	55	226	7	1,159	835
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	58	469	79	1,723	1,086
Mid-Plains Community College	0	64	0	64	0
ReConnect	20	287	4	1,363	1,001
York College	0	11	0	12	0
Total	195	1,380	96	6,104	4,130

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 FEBRUARY 2019 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other²	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol Station	3	2	0	0	5
Center for People in Need-TRADE	3	0	1	0	4
Mental Health Association (MHA)	7	0	0	0	7
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	79	2	0	2	83
Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC)	0	0	0	0	0
ReConnect	4	0	0	23	27
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	4	1	25	126

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

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Electrical was added as a program area 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.

ABC now offers their virtual welding class at NCCW, and all of their students in the accelerated electrical class at the Lincoln Training Center recently passed.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	38	20	29	87
Construction Technology 1	21	23	15	59
Construction Technology 2	14	1	0	15
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	222	37	67	326
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	0	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	701	0	15	716
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	650	0	13	663
Plumbing 1		2	1	3
Virtual Electrical	34	1	11	46
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	1,696	96	154	1,946

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

BRISTOL STATION

Bristol Station program areas 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 area.

Bristol Station had two individuals who successfully completed their programming, and two new participants were subsequently accepted into the program.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	13	0	8	21
Conflict Resolution	127	17	59	203
Dress for Success	126	16	60	202
Family Reunification	17	3	7	27
Interviewing Skills	125	16	60	201
Job Coaching	127	16	60	203
Job Readiness	121	0	41	162
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	18	0	14	32
MRT	19	3	41	63
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	4	0	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	9	3	10	22
Residential Reentry	181	18	29	228
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	64	0	31	95
Transportation Independence	76	0	64	140
Total	1,091	92	515	1,698

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

TRADE added a Welding Module where participation began in December '17.

TRADE has developed a new plan with the CCC-L administration that makes it easier for CCC-L participants to get into Southeast Community College programming.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	262	22	15	299
Core Classes - In Facility	312	0	44	356
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	105	26	17	148
Office Professional Module	47	25	27	99
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	35	5	13	53
Welding Module	38	17	8	63
Total	800	95	124	1,019

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Rent Wise was added as a program area and participation began in February '17. A new program area for Wrap Mentor was also added in February for participants who finished the Wrap program area and then returned as a Wrap Mentor for others during this month. A Day Guest program area 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.

MHA continues to build their relationship with parole to create individual plans for parolees.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	27	5	6	38
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	84	17	26	127
Hope	360	32	73	465
Inmate Support	13	1	0	14
Intentional Peer Support	0	2	0	2
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	214	50	1	265
Real	307	34	0	341
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	394	26	17	437
Wrap Mentor	6	5	1	12
Total	1,415	172	125	1,712

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Metro Community College added a National Career Readiness Certificate program area in March '17. MCC classes were not offered for the 2017 summer quarter due to grant funding. Many of the incomplete program areas 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 area 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 areas in April '18.

MCC 180 RAP has approximately 200 students registered in college credits at OCC, TSCI, and LCC.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	238	70	574	882
Always Growing	14	0	0	14
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	3	30	19	52
Career Certification	0	36	75	111
CDL	1	1	1	3
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	299	0	0	299
Foundation Classes	417	13	52	482
Four-Week Workshop	349	37	46	432
GED	3	29	11	43
Initial Communication	463	167	53	683
Job Readiness	65	1	0	66
Long-Term Relief Group	54	49	0	103
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	106	0	1	107
National Certification	17	21	49	87
Non-Credit ESL	9	2	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	284	0	7	291
Orientation	311	0	0	311
OSHA	19	1	0	20
Total	2,702	457	899	4,058

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MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

MPCC completed one Access to Workforce Opportunities short course during February 2019.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Forklift Operator	8	0	0	8
CDL Prep Training	30	0	0	30
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	44	0	0	44
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	8	0	0	8
Total	90	0	0	90

RECONNECT

ReConnect offered a one-day Success Prep workshop in WEC that is a separate program area. Reentry support is now two separate program areas 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.

ReConnect is experiencing increased participation and with a variety of referral sources.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	106	0	0	106
Final Number	766	203	5	974
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	244	68	3	315
Orientation	616	17	61	694
Pass It On	29	0	0	29
Post-Release Reentry Support	255	18	17	290
Pre-Release Reentry Support	358	2	0	360
Ready for Work	117	2	13	132
Right Start	36	0	2	38
Success Prep	23	0	0	23
Total	2,550	310	101	2,961

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YORK COLLEGE

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

York College participants are broadening their horizons and looking at life with a different viewpoint.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	11	11	0	22
Critical Thinking	11	11	0	22
Ethical Inquiry	11	11	0	22
Social Responsibility	11	11	0	22
Spiritual Formation	11	0	1	12
Total	55	44	1	100