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# DATA OVERVIEW

## JULY 2019 MONTHLY DATA: OVERALL PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETIONS

### OVERVIEW

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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, from which data is 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 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

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- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual for each 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 areas are reported for all 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 end date will be reported in the next monthly data report.
- 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)).

## CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

### PARTICIPANTS SERVED

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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 areas for every individual.

Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming: Unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle 3.

Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions: Participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle 3.

### PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM

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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 AREAS

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Program areas were developed for each grantee this grant cycle to be able to provide a more complete picture of participation for each VLS participant. Each grantee 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 grantee. 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 VLS programming. VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program areas.

**JULY 2019 DATA**

**PARTICIPANTS SERVED<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Program</b>	<b>New Participants in July</b>	<b>Total Served in July</b>	<b>Successfully Completed in July</b>	<b>Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3</b>	<b>Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3</b>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	89	18	1,017	851
Bristol Station	4	25	3	241	146
Center for People in Need-TRADE	20	214	10	0	479
Mental Health Association (MHA)	10	222	19	1,351	1,018
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	49	390	56	2,073	1,483
Mid-Plains Community College	0	36	0	111	7
ReConnect	95	531	0	1,654	1,010
York College	0	0	0	12	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>7,274</b>	<b>5,005</b>

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

**JULY 2019 DATA**

**PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN MAY 2019 BY EXIT STATUS**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Successful Completion</b>	<b>Terminated by Self</b>	<b>Terminated by Program</b>	<b>Other<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total Exited</b>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	18	4	0	0	22
Bristol Station	3	1	2	0	6
Center for People in Need-TRADE	10	1	1	2	14
Mental Health Association (MHA)	19	8	1	3	31
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	56	1	0	0	57
Mid-Plains Community College	0	0	0	0	0
ReConnect	0	0	0	0	0
York College	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>130</b>

<sup>2</sup> **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 JULY 2019

**Note:** Program updates are included above each program area table.

### ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

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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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	38	31	29	98
Construction Technology 1	29	26	16	71
Construction Technology 2	14	11	0	25
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	245	31	77	353
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	3	0	4
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	785	0	20	805
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	739	0	26	765
Plumbing 1	0	2	1	3
Virtual Electrical	45	10	15	70
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2,224</b>

**GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 2019**

**BRISTOL STATION**

WAC 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.

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Total</b>
Anger Management	13	0	8	21
Conflict Resolution	144	19	64	227
Dress for Success	143	18	65	226
Family Reunification	22	2	10	34
Interviewing Skills	142	18	65	225
Job Coaching	144	18	65	227
Job Readiness	143	1	43	187
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	21	1	14	36
MRT	20	6	45	71
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	4	0	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	13	1	13	27
Residential Reentry	205	19	29	253
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	73	3	32	108
Transportation Independence	82	0	64	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>1,887</b>

**GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 2019****CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)**

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<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Total</b>
Core Classes	311	30	17	358
Core Classes - In Facility	360	0	60	420
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	129	31	24	184
Office Professional Module	56	28	32	116
Other Services	1	1	0	2
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	47	7	17	71
Welding Module	63	18	13	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1,246</b>



**GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 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.

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Total</b>
Benefits	40	2	8	50
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	128	8	41	177
Hope	397	54	99	550
Inmate Support	20	24	0	44
Intentional Peer Support	1	3	0	4
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	331	3	1	335
Real	377	10	1	388
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	455	12	21	488
Wrap Mentor	8	5	1	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2,061</b>

## GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 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 continues to collaborate with community employers to expand employment opportunities for the re-entry population.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	272	52	610	934
Always Growing	24	0	0	24
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	7	21	36	64
Career Certification	4	36	91	131
CDL	12	4	1	17
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	343	0	0	343
Foundation Classes	453	67	58	578
Four-Week Workshop	373	12	47	432
GED	4	24	17	45
Initial Communication	590	129	68	787
Job Readiness	119	0	0	119
Long-Term Relief Group	84	46	0	130
MCC Certificate of Completion	18	0	10	28
National Career Readiness Certificate	157	0	1	158
National Certification	27	9	56	92
Non-Credit ESL	11	0	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	303	0	7	310
Orientation	531	0	0	531
OSHA	35	0	1	36
Trauma Informed Peer Support	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>4,808</b>

## GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 2019

### 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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
CDL Prep Training	18	0	2	20
Forklift Operator	62	0	0	62
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	72	0	0	72
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	54	0	0	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>208</b>

### 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. Success Prep-Bloom, which is a Prep workshop tailored to women, began in July of 2019.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	32	0	1	33
Final Number	365	19	17	401
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	107	0	0	107
Pass It On	44	0	2	46
Post-Release Reentry Support	268	78	3	349
Pre-Release Reentry Support	781	219	6	1006
Ready for Work	422	2	0	424
Right Start	139	9	13	161
Success Prep	664	75	68	807
Success Prep-Bloom	0	9	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3,372</b>

## GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JULY 2019

### YORK COLLEGE

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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.

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Total</b>
Communication Skills	22	0	0	22
Critical Thinking	22	0	0	22
Ethical Inquiry	32	1	0	33
Social Responsibility	32	1	0	33
Spiritual Formation	21	1	1	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>133</b>