



VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY DATA UPDATE

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DATA OVERVIEW

MARCH 2018 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 correct any data errors on an ongoing basis during monthly update calls and regular site visits.

Data presented below is from the most recent monthly data extract. Because this data comes for an active database with live data being entered and updated daily, data, 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 Johanna Peterson at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (jpeterson@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 2 Receiving Programming: The cumulative total of unique participants served by each program during Grant Cycle 2 (beginning July 1, 2016).

Grant Cycle 2 Successful Completions: The cumulative total of participants who have successfully completed overall programming during Grant Cycle 2 (beginning July 1, 2016).

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.

MARCH 2018 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants	Total Served	Successfully Completed	Grant Cycle 2 Receiving Programming	Grant Cycle 2 Successful Completions
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	88	4	622	507
Bristol Station	4	26	3	162	91
Center for People in Need-TRADE	28	87	11	455	297
Mental Health Association (MHA)	15	162	33	602	408
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	76	301	18	1,103	613
Prepared Place (Ended January 2018)²	0	0	0	18	3
ReConnect	16	373	253	926	753
ResCare (Ended October 2017)	0	0	0	510	345
Total	139	1,037	322	4,398	3,017

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN MARCH 2018 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other ³	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	4	0	0	0	4
Bristol Station	3	3	3	0	9
Center for People in Need-TRADE	11	3	2	2	18
Mental Health Association (MHA)	33	2	0	1	36
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	18	7	0	0	25
ReConnect	253	2	0	0	255
Total	322	17	5	3	347

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

² ResCare and Prepared Place no longer provide VLS programming. Their numbers are still included in the participants served for Grant Cycle 2.

³ **Other** category includes: terminated due to employment, referred to other agency, moved or cases that do not fall into category options.

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MARCH 2018

Note: Some programs have evolved since last reporting to include new program areas. Program updates are included above each program area table.

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Electrical was added as a program area in January '17. In July '17, two 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	Grand Total
Applied Construction Math	19	31	4	54
Construction Technology 1	21	0	6	27
Construction Technology 2	13	2	0	15
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	81	99	17	197
Electrical	0	4	1	5
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	493	0	14	507
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	467	1	6	474
Plumbing	0	2	0	2
Virtual Welding	0	11	0	11
Grand Total	1,099	160	48	1,307

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MARCH 2018

BRISTOL STATION

Bristol Station program areas changed in January to reflect the services they provide underneath their vocational, life skills and residential reentry programming. February '17 was the first month someone participated in anger management. Bristol Station added a Relapse Prevention Group in January '18. In March '18, Parenting Skills was added as a program area.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Anger Management	7	0	7	14
Conflict Resolution	90	17	41	148
Dress for Success	90	16	42	148
Family Reunification	3	6	0	9
Interviewing Skills	89	16	42	147
Job Coaching	90	16	42	148
Job Readiness	92	6	37	135
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	17	1	8	26
MRT	18	3	31	52
Other Services	5	0	0	5
Parenting Skills	0	2	3	5
Problem Solving	3	0	1	4
Relapse Prevention Group	0	4	3	7
Residential Reentry	123	17	29	169
Resume Development	55	1	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	36	3	23	62
Transportation Independence	57	12	45	114
Grand Total	783	120	379	1,282

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MARCH 2018

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Center for People in Need added a Welding Module where participation began in December '17.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Core Classes	166	25	12	203
Core Classes - In Facility	209	0	28	237
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	60	23	10	93
Office Professional Module	28	14	26	68
Other Services	11	0	0	11
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	23	5	10	38
Welding Module	16	2	4	22
Grand Total	513	69	90	672

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Benefits	22	3	5	30
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	33	4	9	46
Hope	218	60	43	321
Inmate Support	3	3	0	6
Keya	3	0	0	3
Other Services	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	0	20	0	20
Real	179	44	2	225
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	179	23	8	210
Wrap Mentor	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	645	159	68	872

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MARCH 2018

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
3 MCC Core Courses	147	226	266	639
Always Growing	0	14	0	14
Associate's Degree	1	22	8	31
Career Certification	0	34	43	77
Forklift Certification	150	0	0	150
Foundation Classes	244	41	40	325
Four-Week Workshop	272	27	42	341
GED	3	7	6	16
Initial Communication	345	9	2	356
Long-Term Relief Group	28	30	0	58
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	49	0	0	49
National Certification	11	19	23	53
Non-Credit ESL	8	2	0	10
Non-Credit Workshop	252	1	7	260
OSHA	1	0	0	1
Trauma Informed Peer Support	0	12	0	12
Grand Total	1,527	444	447	2,418

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MARCH 2018

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	17	0	0	17
Final Number	178	11	9	198
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	105	0	0	105
Other Services	12	0	0	12
Pass It On	27	1	2	30
Post-Release Reentry Support	145	42	2	189
Pre-Release Reentry Support	620	115	3	738
Ready for Work	192	0	1	193
Right Start	45	5	6	56
Success Prep	432	10	41	483
Grand Total	1,802	184	64	2,050