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DATA OVERVIEW

MAY 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, 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

- 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).

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 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

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

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.

MAY 2019 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants in May	Total Served in May	Successfully Completed in May	Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	3	142	0	943	722
Bristol Station	7	24	5	232	140
Center for People in Need-TRADE	28	203	8	777	453
Mental Health Association (MHA)	49	238	14	1,329	980
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	49	500	68	1,928	1,245
Mid-Plains Community College	9	43	2	96	6
ReConnect	85	398	0	1,524	1,012
York College	0	11	0	12	0
Total	230	1,559	97	6,841	4,558

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

MAY 2019 DATA

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN MAY 2019 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other²	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	5	0	0	0	5
Bristol Station	0	0	0	0	0
Center for People in Need-TRADE	8	1	0	0	9
Mental Health Association (MHA)	14	0	0	0	14
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	68	1	0	4	73
Mid-Plains Community College	2	0	0	0	2
ReConnect	0	0	0	0	0
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	97	2	0	4	103

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 MAY 2019

Note: 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, 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	20	29	87
Construction Technology 1	29	15	16	60
Construction Technology 2	14	11	0	25
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	238	12	77	327
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	0	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	736	0	16	752
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	691	0	18	709
Plumbing 1	0	2	1	3
Virtual Electrical	45	1	15	61
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	1,807	73	175	2,055

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MAY 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.

Bristol Station had six new VLS participants begin the program in May. Seven individuals successfully completed their programming. Bristol Station has received over 60 applicants interested in improving their lives with their program assistance.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	13		8	21
Conflict Resolution	140	16	60	216
Dress for Success	139	15	61	215
Family Reunification	20	4	8	32
Interviewing Skills	138	15	61	214
Job Coaching	140	15	61	216
Job Readiness	138	0	42	180
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	20	1	14	35
MRT	20	5	44	69
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	4	0	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	12	1	11	24
Residential Reentry	197	18	29	244
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	71	1	31	103
Transportation Independence	80	0	64	144
Total	1,196	91	525	1,812

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

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	294	24	16	334
Core Classes - In Facility	335	0	54	389
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	116	27	22	165
Office Professional Module	52	27	30	109
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	41	6	15	62
Welding Module	48	20	11	79
Total	887	104	148	1,139

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MAY 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 has been consulting with peer support and reentry in Florida.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	27	5	6	38
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	115	15	36	166
Hope	375	68	79	522
Inmate Support	13	1	0	14
Intentional Peer Support	1	3	0	4
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	226	99	1	326
Real	338	34	0	372
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	444	12	21	477
Wrap Mentor	8	5	1	14
Total	1,557	242	145	1,944

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MAY 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	245	71	586	902
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	20	53
Career Certification	1	37	80	118
CDL	11	0	1	12
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	325	1	0	326
Foundation Classes	423	65	53	541
Four-Week Workshop	353	32	47	432
GED	4	29	11	44
Initial Communication	519	187	64	770
Job Readiness	104	1	0	105
Long-Term Relief Group	57	63	0	120
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	147	0	1	148
National Certification	20	16	51	87
Non-Credit ESL	9	2	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	298	0	7	305
Orientation	438	0	0	438
OSHA	24	1	0	25
Trauma Informed Peer Support	3	0	0	3
Total	3,048	535	932	4,515

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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 offered three Access to Workforce Opportunities short courses during the month of May 2019.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
CDL Prep Training	14	0	2	16
Forklift Operator	50	0	0	50
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	67	0	0	67
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	38	0	0	38
Total	169	0	2	171

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 has recently created and distributed a brochure to help families in assisting their loved ones serving time to be more productive.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	23	0	0	23
Final Number	312	18	17	347
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	106	0	0	106
Pass It On	44	0	2	46
Post-Release Reentry Support	252	64	3	319
Pre-Release Reentry Support	770	208	5	983
Ready for Work	400	2	0	402
Right Start	126	10	13	149
Success Prep	655	31	66	752
Total	2,717	333	106	3,156

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH MAY 2019

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.

The participants at York College will soon graduate. They are excited to finish their degrees, but sad that it is over.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	22	0	0	22
Critical Thinking	22	0	0	22
Ethical Inquiry	22	0	0	22
Social Responsibility	22	0	0	22
Spiritual Formation	11	0	1	12
Total	99	0	1	100