

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE 5, AUGUST 2023

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Data Overview and Notes

Overview

The present report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through the Vocational and Life Skills funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. NDCS staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research work with grantees to manage data entry errors on an ongoing basis using email, phone, and site visit communications.

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 reports.

Notes on Data

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual per grantee.
- Program offerings with an end date past the end of the current month are considered “in progress”.
- Data was migrated from QuickBase into NICaMS starting December 2022 and completed in March 2023. Reports were then built in NICaMS – OAC from April 2023 until January 2024. Thus, reporting has been delayed while waiting for this process to be completed.
- The present report has been conducted for 8 months retrospectively and the in-progress numbers are not current as a result. Additionally, the columns criteria and definitions have been modified to better adhere to the NICaMS data system.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH AUGUST 2023¹

Program	Currently Enrolled ²	Total Completed ³	Completed Programming through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	32	100
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	63	108
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	10	7	25
Mental Health Association (MHA)	9	74	129
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	0	300	360
Midland University	0	0	1
Opening Doors	0	31	44
Persevere	13	1	1
Project Reset	10	18	39
RISE	0	18	135
ReConnect, Inc.	16	99	128
(WAC) Bristol Station	4	14	26
York College	12	0	0
Total	74	593	921

¹ Participant data are unique to each program and participants may be active in multiple programs.

² A summation of individuals who were actively participating in VLS funded programming during the specified month.

³ A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the specified month.

⁴ A running total of participants who completed a programming in Grant Cycle Five (GC5) through the specified month.

Program Offering Participations

VLS *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. The program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while being actively involved in other program offerings. VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served through Grant Cycle Five in each program offering is presented along with the status of those who enrolled in that program offering.

Associated Builders and Contractors

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Applied Construction Math	0	1	0	0	1
Electrical 1	0	1	0	2	3
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	0	62	8	0	70
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	0	49	6	1	56
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	114	14	3	131

Black Men United

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Navigation	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Community Justice Center

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Circles of Support	0	78	0	0	78
Community/Family Support	0	29	0	0	29
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	0	10	0	0	10
Victim Empathy	0	58	0	0	58
Total	0	175	0	0	175

Community Alliance

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Care Coordination	10	1	1	1	13
Charting a New Course	0	10	1	3	14
Employment Assistance	4	2	0	1	7
Financial Literacy	0	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	6	2	3	0	11
Integrated Health	9	0	2	2	13
Peer Support/Mentoring	6	3	0	0	9
Substance Use Support Group	0	1	0	0	1
Transportation Assistance	3	0	1	0	4
Total	38	20	8	7	73

Mental Health Association

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CARES	9	14	1	3	27
Peer Prevention Group	0	112	0	0	112
Total	9	126	1	3	139

Metro Community College

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CDL Preparation	0	5	0	0	5
Employment Readiness	0	73	0	0	73
Forklift Certification	0	6	0	0	6
Four-Week Workshop	0	1	0	0	1
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	0	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	0	71	0	0	71
Non-Credit Workshop	0	61	0	0	61
Orientation	0	159	0	0	159
Other Services	0	171	0	0	171
Trauma Informed Peer Support	0	18	0	0	18
Total	0	574	0	0	574

Midland University

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Code Academy	0	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	0	1	1

Opening Doors

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Connection	0	1	0	2	3
Center Core Competencies	0	25	2	4	31
Computer/Administrative Skills	0	7	0	1	8
MIG Welding	0	4	0	0	4
Other	0	2	0	0	2
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	0	6	0	1	7
Total	0	45	2	8	55

Persevere

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Readiness	13	0	0	1	14
Coding/Tech Instruction	13	0	0	1	14
Total	26	0	0	2	28

Project Reset

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Apprenticeship Employment	1	0	0	0	1
Core Foundations Workshop	8	17	1	2	28
Financial Wellness Workshop	2	8	0	0	10
Job Coaching and Development	7	16	0	0	23
Orientation Workshop	0	21	0	0	21
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	1	0	0	0	1
Resume and Interview Workshop	8	18	0	1	26
Trade Based Employment	1	2	0	0	3
Trade Preparation Workshop	5	3	0	7	15
Transitional Employment	3	4	1	3	11
Total	36	89	2	13	140

RISE

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Business Academy Program	0	2	0	0	2
Crisis Intervention	0	10	0	0	10
Emotional Support	0	151	0	0	151
Employment Assistance	0	27	0	0	27
Financial Assistance	0	3	0	0	3
Housing Assistance	0	16	0	0	16
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	0	15	0	0	15
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	0	10	2	1	13
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	0	4	1	2	7
Reentry Planning	0	29	0	0	29
Transportation Assistance	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	268	3	3	274

ReConnect, INC

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Prep	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Tool Box Credentials	0	0	0	0	0
Final Number	2	1	0	0	3
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	5	22	0	0	27
GPS (self-paced)	0	1	0	0	1
KEYS 1	1	10	0	0	11
KEYS 2	3	6	0	0	9
Other Services	0	2	0	0	2
Post-Release Reentry Support	4	28	0	0	32
Pre-Release Reentry Support	0	0	0	0	0
Ready for Work	0	0	0	0	0
Right Start	1	1	0	0	2
Right Start 2.0	0	42	0	0	42
Success Prep	1	26	0	1	28
Success Prep-Bloom	0	7	0	2	9
Total	17	146	0	3	166

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Anger Management	0	0	0	0	0
Conflict Resolution	2	6	6	0	14
Dress for Success	2	6	6	0	14
Employment Readiness	0	10	0	0	10
Employment Retention	1	2	2	0	5
Interviewing Skills	2	6	6	0	14
Job Coaching	2	6	6	0	14
MRT	2	1	1	0	4
Money Management	0	1	1	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	0	6	1	0	7
Relapse Prevention Group	0	1	0	1	2
Residential Case Management	2	4	6	0	12
Residential Reentry	2	6	6	0	14
Transitional Skills	0	4	2	0	6
Transportation Independence	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	59	43	1	118

York University

Program Offering	In Progress	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Associate Degree	12	0	0	0	12
Total	12	0	0	0	12