

# VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

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## Data Overview and Notes

### Overview

This report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills (VLS) Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through VLS funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. Nebraska Department of Corrections (NDCS) staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR) 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.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at NCJR with the University of Nebraska Omaha ([ktowne@unomaha.edu](mailto:ktowne@unomaha.edu)).

## Participants Served

Individuals served through August 2024<sup>1</sup>

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month <sup>2</sup>	Successful Completions last Month <sup>3</sup>	Total Completions through GC5 <sup>4</sup>
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	1	309
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	115
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	24	33	245
Community Justice Center	15	70	890
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,697	109	916
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	32	347	1,662
Midland University	0	7	24
Opening Doors	61	22	197
Persevere	2	0	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	188	117	332
ReConnect, Inc.	206	36	716
(WAC) Bristol Station	16	14	81
York College	12	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>3,706</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> A summation of individuals who are still progressing in VLS funded programming from the last month.

<sup>3</sup> A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming during the last month.

<sup>4</sup> A summation of individuals who completed VLS funded programming through the last 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 (ABC)

From this month, there is **1** active participation in Associated Builders and Contractor's program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Applied Construction Math	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Core	19	0	7	<b>26</b>
Electrical 1	2	0	2	<b>4</b>
Electrical 2	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Electrical 4	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	191	10	0	<b>201</b>
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	217	11	1	<b>229</b>
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	<b>11</b>
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>478</b>

### Black Men United

From this month, there is **0** active participation in Black Men United's program offerings. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Navigation	120	0	0	120
Workforce & Life Skills	4	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124</b>

### Community Alliance

There are **62** active participations in Community Alliance's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Care Coordination	72	1	1	74
Charting a New Course	72	18	7	97
Employment Assistance	46	1	2	49
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	65	41	14	120
Housing Assistance	51	0	0	51
Integrated Health	21	1	1	23
Peer Support/Mentoring	19	0	1	20
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	11	0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>448</b>

### Community Justice Center

There are **15** active enrollments or completions in Community Justice Center's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the current month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Circles of Support	628	0	0	<b>628</b>
Community/Family Support	38	0	0	<b>38</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	41	0	0	<b>41</b>
Victim Empathy	825	1	2	<b>828</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,535</b>

### Mental Health Association

There are **1,817** active participations in Mental Health Association's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
CARES	82	11	22	<b>115</b>
Hope	265	0	0	<b>265</b>
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	21	0	0	<b>21</b>
Outreach	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Peer Prevention Group	624	0	0	<b>624</b>
Rent Wise	77	0	0	<b>77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,113</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **33** active participations in Metropolitan Community College's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	2	0	0	2
Associate Degree	5	0	0	5
CDL Preparation	58	0	0	58
Employment Readiness	401	0	0	401
Forklift Certification	85	0	0	85
Four-Week Workshop	40	0	0	40
Long-Term Relief Group	35	0	0	35
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	754	0	104	858
National Career Readiness Certificate	4	0	0	4
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	368	0	0	368
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Orientation	1,132	0	0	1,132
Other Services	579	0	0	579
Trauma Informed Peer Support	448	0	0	448
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4,048</b>

### Midland University

There are **0** active participations in Midland University's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Reentry Code Academy	12	1	11	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>

## Opening Doors

There are **64** active participations in Opening Door's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Connection	5	0	2	7
Center Core Competencies	149	4	24	177
Computer/Administrative Skills	151	2	13	166
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	4	2	2	8
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	57	1	5	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>432</b>

## Persevere

There are **4** active participations in Persevere's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Career Readiness	10	1	1	12
Coding/Tech Instruction	10	1	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>



## Project Reset

There are **82** active participations in Project Reset's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Apprenticeship Employment	1	0	1	2
Core Foundations Workshop	40	1	2	43
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	26
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	48
Orientation Workshop	58	0	0	58
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	2
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	56
Trade Based Employment	7	0	0	7
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	29
Transitional Employment	20	1	5	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>297</b>

## RISE

There are **192** active participations in RISE's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Crisis Intervention	95	0	0	95
Emotional Support	1,491	1	0	1,492
Employment Assistance	194	0	0	194
Family Program	25	0	0	25
Financial Assistance	60	0	0	60
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	148	0	0	148
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	180	0	0	180
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
RISE	47	2	2	51
Reentry Planning	544	0	0	544
Substance Use Assistance	7	0	0	7
Transportation Assistance	54	0	0	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,945</b>

### ReConnect, INC

There are **228** active participations in ReConnect's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	5
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	76	0	0	76
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	56	0	0	56
KEYS 2	33	0	0	33
Post-Release Reentry Support	200	3	2	205
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	275	0	1	276
Success Prep	253	2	12	267
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,010</b>

### Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **121** active participations in Bristol Station's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Communication Skills/Problem Solving	8	2	0	10
Conflict Resolution	43	16	3	62
Dress for Success	43	16	3	62
Employment Readiness	44	2	0	46
Employment Retention	36	9	1	46
Getting Back on Track	2	0	0	2
Interviewing Skills	42	17	3	62
Job Coaching	42	17	3	62
MRT	1	0	1	2
Money Management	7	1	0	8
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	18	2	0	20
Relapse Prevention Group	14	3	1	18
Residential Case Management	40	17	3	60
Residential Reentry	42	16	3	61
Transitional Skills	20	5	0	25
Victim Awareness	2	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>551</b>

### York University

There are **12** active participations in York University's program offerings from this month. Grant cycle five completions through the present month are provided across the offerings in the table below.

Program Offering	Satisfactory Completion	Terminated from Program	Withdrawn from Program	Total
Associate Degree	0	0	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>