

# 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 February 2025<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)	22	0	357
Black Men United (BMU)	0	3	135
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	37	15	289
Community Justice Center	16	66	1,161
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,958	93	1,359
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	21	312	2,227
Midland University	5	0	27
Opening Doors	92	45	309
Persevere	16	0	17
Project Reset	61	0	206
RISE	165	56	393
ReConnect, Inc.	413	59	935
(WAC) Bristol Station	12	1	100
York University	12	0	3
<b>Total Across Programs</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>4,801</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 are **22** active participations 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	1
Core	19	0	7	26
Electrical 1	2	0	2	4
Electrical 2	2	0	1	3
Electrical 4	2	0	0	2
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	230	10	0	240
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	256	11	1	268
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	13	3	0	16
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>561</b>

### Black Men United

From this month, there are **0** active participations 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	129	0	0	<b>129</b>
Workforce & Life Skills	16	0	0	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>145</b>

### Community Alliance

There are **146** 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	117	1	1	<b>119</b>
Charting a New Course	86	20	8	<b>114</b>
Employment Assistance	67	1	2	<b>70</b>
Family Support	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Financial Literacy	84	41	14	<b>139</b>
Housing Assistance	74	0	0	<b>74</b>
Integrated Health	38	1	1	<b>40</b>
Peer Support/Mentoring	35	0	1	<b>36</b>
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Transportation Assistance	26	0	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>622</b>

### Community Justice Center

There are **16** 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	944	0	0	<b>944</b>
Community/Family Support	81	0	0	<b>81</b>
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	52	0	0	<b>52</b>
Victim Empathy	1,059	1	2	<b>1,062</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,139</b>

### Mental Health Association

There are **2,141** 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	164	12	35	<b>211</b>
HONU	86	30	0	<b>116</b>
Hope	379	0	0	<b>379</b>
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Intentional Peer Support (specialist)	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Outreach	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Peer Prevention Group	972	0	0	<b>972</b>
Rent Wise	95	0	0	<b>95</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,785</b>

### Metropolitan Community College

There are **22** 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	99	0	0	99
Employment Readiness	522	0	0	522
Forklift Certification	122	0	0	122
Four-Week Workshop	89	0	0	89
Job Readiness	204	0	0	204
Long-Term Relief Group	158	0	0	158
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	1,179	0	164	1,344
National Career Readiness Certificate	8	0	0	8
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	609	0	0	609
OSHA	64	0	0	64
Orientation	1,761	0	0	1,761
Other Services	908	0	0	908
Trauma Informed Peer Support	929	0	0	929
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,675</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>6,840</b>

### Midland University

There are **5** 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	14	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>

### Opening Doors

There are **96** 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	17	0	4	21
Center Core Competencies	231	5	51	287
Computer/Administrative Skills	280	3	21	304
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	5	2	3	10
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	84	2	6	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>725</b>



## Persevere

There are **48** 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	6	17
Coding/Tech Instruction	10	1	6	17
Persevere+ Holistic Wellness	0	0	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>

## Project Reset

There are **137** 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	5	0	1	6
Core Foundations Workshop	40	1	2	43
Evolve	41	0	0	41
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	26
First Aid	5	0	0	5
Fork Lift	5	0	0	5
Hand and Power Tool Training	17	0	0	17
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	48
Mentorship	82	0	0	82
Orientation	175	0	0	175
OSHA 10	7	0	0	7
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	2
Resiliency	114	0	0	114
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	56
Stability Factor Improved	79	0	0	79
Tape Measure Training	23	0	0	23
Trade Job Placement	13	0	0	13
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	29
Transitional Employment	32	1	5	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>809</b>

**RISE**

There are **169** 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	108	0	0	<b>108</b>
Emotional Support	2,060	1	0	<b>2,061</b>
Employment Assistance	259	0	0	<b>260</b>
Family Program	32	0	0	<b>32</b>
Financial Assistance	87	0	0	<b>87</b>
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Housing Assistance	214	0	0	<b>214</b>
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	310	0	0	<b>310</b>
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	<b>29</b>
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	<b>65</b>
RISE	47	2	2	<b>51</b>
Reentry Planning	1,021	0	0	<b>1,021</b>
Substance Use Assistance	12	0	0	<b>12</b>
Transportation Assistance	99	0	0	<b>99</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4,350</b>

### ReConnect, INC

There are **451** 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
Career Prep	2	0	0	2
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	5
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	91	0	1	92
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	72	0	0	72
KEYS 2	48	0	0	48
Post-Release Reentry Support	291	3	2	296
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	452	0	1	453
Success Prep	296	18	19	333
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,393</b>

### Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **91** 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	15	2	0	17
Conflict Resolution	59	28	5	92
Dress for Success	59	27	5	91
Employment Readiness	64	2	0	66
Employment Retention	49	12	1	62
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	58	29	5	92
Job Coaching	58	27	5	90
MRT	2	1	1	4
Money Management	9	2	0	11
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	23	2	0	25
Relapse Prevention Group	17	5	1	23
Residential Case Management	56	29	5	90
Residential Reentry	58	28	5	91
Transitional Skills	34	6	1	41
Victim Awareness	6	2	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>808</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>