

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, JANUARY 2025

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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).

Participants Served

Individuals served through January 2025¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	357
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	132
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	31	7	284
Community Justice Center	16	104	1,114
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,936	166	1,289
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	191	247	2,155
Midland University	5	0	27
Opening Doors	68	52	286
Persevere	16	0	17
Project Reset	61	0	206
RISE	165	68	393
ReConnect, Inc.	386	30	908
(WAC) Bristol Station	12	8	100
York University	12	0	3
Total Across Programs	2,611	610	4,672

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

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

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

⁴ 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	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
Total	526	24	11	561

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	127	0	0	127
Workforce & Life Skills	15	0	0	15
Total	142	0	0	142

Community Alliance

There are **123** 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	104	1	1	106
Charting a New Course	86	20	8	114
Employment Assistance	61	1	2	64
Family Support	1	1	0	2
Financial Literacy	83	41	14	138
Housing Assistance	67	0	0	67
Integrated Health	31	1	1	33
Peer Support/Mentoring	29	0	1	30
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	21	0	0	21
Total	485	65	27	577

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	921	0	0	921
Community/Family Support	76	0	0	76
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	44
Victim Empathy	1,016	1	2	1,019
Total	2,057	1	2	2,060

Mental Health Association

There are **2,118** 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	142	12	35	189
HONU	82	26	0	108
Hope	371	0	0	371
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (specialist)	0	1	0	1
Outreach	10	0	0	10
Peer Prevention Group	918	0	0	918
Rent Wise	94	0	0	94
Total	1,618	37	35	1,692

Metropolitan Community College

There are **293** 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	85	0	0	85
Employment Readiness	513	0	0	513
Forklift Certification	122	0	0	122
Four-Week Workshop	82	0	0	82
Job Readiness	203	0	0	203
Long-Term Relief Group	152	0	0	152
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	979	0	142	1,121
National Career Readiness Certificate	8	0	0	8
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	599	0	0	599
OSHA	64	0	0	64
Orientation	1,687	0	0	1,687
Other Services	908	0	0	908
Trauma Informed Peer Support	879	0	0	879
Total	6,304	0	142	6,446

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	11	27
Total	12	1	11	27

Opening Doors

There are **71** 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	12	0	3	15
Center Core Competencies	219	5	44	268
Computer/Administrative Skills	259	3	21	283
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	5	2	3	10
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	82	2	6	90
Total	588	12	77	677

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
Total	20	2	15	37

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
Total	782	2	25	809

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	105	0	0	105
Emotional Support	1,998	1	0	1,999
Employment Assistance	251	0	0	252
Family Program	32	0	0	32
Financial Assistance	86	0	0	86
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	214	0	0	214
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	305	0	0	305
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	989	0	0	989
Substance Use Assistance	12	0	0	12
Transportation Assistance	95	0	0	95
Total	4,219	7	8	4,235

ReConnect, INC

There are **420** 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	0	92
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	70	0	0	70
KEYS 2	48	0	0	48
Post-Release Reentry Support	260	3	2	265
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	427	0	1	428
Success Prep	296	18	18	332
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	1,289	21	24	1,334

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **90** 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	58	28	5	91
Dress for Success	58	27	5	90
Employment Readiness	64	2	0	66
Employment Retention	49	12	1	62
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	57	29	5	91
Job Coaching	57	27	5	89
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	55	29	5	89
Residential Reentry	57	28	5	90
Transitional Skills	34	6	1	41
Victim Awareness	6	2	0	8
Total	566	202	34	802

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
Total	0	0	3	3