

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, JULY 2024

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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 July 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	309
Black Men United (BMU)	1	0	113
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	28	39	222
Community Justice Center	15	87	855
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,680	63	833
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	NA ⁵	218	1,544
Midland University	0	0	17
Opening Doors	33	26	188
Persevere	3	0	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	154	168	323
ReConnect, Inc.	180	99	690
(WAC) Bristol Station	16	7	75
York College	12	0	3
Total	2,041	621	3,511

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 programming from last month.

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

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

⁵ This number cannot be accurately reported at this time because there was a delay from when the evaluation team pulled the data and when the program closed the program participants out.

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	190	10	0	200
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	217	11	1	229
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
Total	442	24	11	477

Black Men United

From this month, there is **1** 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	119	0	0	119
Workforce & Life Skills	4	0	0	4
Total	123	0	0	123

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	581	0	0	581
Community/Family Support	32	0	0	32
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	41	0	0	41
Victim Empathy	792	1	2	795
Total	1,446	1	2	1,449

Community Alliance

There are **61** 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	52	1	1	54
Charting a New Course	71	18	7	96
Employment Assistance	36	1	2	39
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	55	41	14	110
Housing Assistance	41	0	0	41
Integrated Health	20	1	1	22
Peer Support/Mentoring	18	0	1	19
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	8	0	0	8
Total	303	63	26	392

Mental Health Association

There are **1,799** 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	115
Hope	219	0	0	219
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	21	0	0	21
Outreach	9	0	0	9
Peer Prevention Group	578	0	0	578
Rent Wise	73	0	0	73
Total	983	11	22	1,016

Metropolitan Community College

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	55	0	0	55
Employment Readiness	396	0	0	396
Forklift Certification	79	0	0	79
Four-Week Workshop	40	0	0	40
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	585	0	103	688
National Career Readiness Certificate	4	0	0	4
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	326	0	0	326
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Orientation	1,023	0	0	1,023
Other Services	511	0	0	511
Trauma Informed Peer Support	367	0	0	367
Total	3,461	0	103	3,564

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	5	1	11	17
Total	5	1	11	17

Opening Doors

There are **35** 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	141	4	23	168
Computer/Administrative Skills	142	2	12	156
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	4	2	2	8
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	52	1	3	56
Total	355	9	42	406

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
Total	20	2	2	24

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
Total	270	2	25	297

RISE

There are **157** 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	94	0	0	94
Emotional Support	1,481	1	0	1,482
Employment Assistance	192	0	0	192
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	178	0	0	178
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
Reentry Planning	540	0	0	540
Substance Use Assistance	7	0	0	7
Transportation Assistance	54	0	0	54
Total	2,911	7	8	2,926

ReConnect, INC

There are **201** 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	73	0	0	73
GPS (self-paced)	40	0	0	40
KEYS 1	53	0	0	53
KEYS 2	31	0	0	31
Post-Release Reentry Support	196	1	2	199
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	4	0	0	4
Right Start 2.0	252	0	1	253
Success Prep	253	2	12	267
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	950	3	17	970

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **120** 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	7	2	0	9
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
Total	405	124	21	550

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