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DATA OVERVIEW

MARCH 2021 MONTHLY DATA: PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETIONS

OVERVIEW

Grantees use an online data management system to submit data on participants served under their Vocational and Life Skills programming. This data is due monthly and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. Evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research work with grantees directly to manage data entry errors on an ongoing basis during update calls and site visits.

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 monthly reports.

In January 2021, Project Reset with the Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education (NCWDE) became the newest grantee of the VLS program initiative after NDCS acquired additional funds from the NE legislature. Project Reset is a nonprofit organization focused on increasing the qualified workforce in the state of Nebraska. Project Reset is currently in the onboarding evaluation process, and numbers served for this program will be included on 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”.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

New Participants: Participants beginning programming in the specified month.

Total Served: Unique individuals served by grantee during the specified month. This is the summation of 1) participants that completed programming during the month with 2) those who have not yet completed, but who are receiving services and were listed as active during the month.

Successfully Completed: Participants who have completed overall programming during the month. Completion status is determined by grantee. Successful completions vary widely both within grantees and across grantees. Most grantees develop individualized programming plans for each participant. Therefore, curricula that results in a successful completion are not comprised of the same program offerings for every individual.

Grant Cycle Four Receiving Programming: Unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle Four.

Grant Cycle Four Successful Completions: Participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle Four.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM

This table provides information on the exit status of participants who ended their participation with a grantee during the month. The exit status totals by grantee are presented.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

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, which may affect their total length of programming. Beyond successful completion, program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while actively involved in other program offerings. They will not be shown as successfully completing the grantee's program until they have completed their program plan (which includes an indeterminate number of offerings, based on need) established by the grantee. In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served through Grant Cycle Four in each program offering is presented along with the status of those in that program offering (completed, in progress, incomplete). VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

MARCH 2021 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants in March	Total Served in March	Successfully Completed in March	Received Programming through Grant Cycle Four	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle Four
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	29	350	0	412	55
Bristol Station	0	24	3	70	29
Mental Health Association (MHA)	51	308	0	455	132
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	58	342	62	1,021	702
ReConnect, Inc.	77	385	207	635	445
Rise ²	3	96	14	171	47
TRADE at Center for People in Need	27	45	20	80	37
York College	0	11	0	11	0
Total	245	1,561	306	2,855	1,447

¹ All participant data is on participants unique to each program. Some participants are active in multiple programs.

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PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN MARCH 2021 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Program	Terminated by Self	Other³	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol Station	3	2	0	0	5
Mental Health Association (MHA)	0	0	1	0	1
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	62	4	3	0	69
ReConnect, Inc.	207	70	7	0	277
RISE	14	1	0	0	22
TRADE: Center for People in Need	20	3	0	1	24
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	306	80	11	1	398

³ **Other** category includes terminated due to employment, referred to other agency, moved or cases that do not fall into category options.

GRANT CYCLE FOUR PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH MARCH 2021

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	21	36	0	57
Construction Technology 1	0	12	0	12
Construction Technology 2	0	23	0	23
Construction Technology 3	0	10	0	10
Core	6	93	0	99
Electrical 1	0	5	0	5
Electrical 2	0	2	0	2
HVAC 1	0	1	0	1
HVAC 3	0	1	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	34	17	0	51
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	22	28	0	50
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	17	0	1	18
Plumbing 1	0	2	0	2
Plumbing 2	0	1	0	1
Virtual Electrical	11	0	0	11
Total	111	231	1	343

GRANT CYCLE FOUR PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH MARCH 2021

BRISTOL STATION

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	2	1	0	3
Conflict Resolution	29	21	12	62
Dress for Success	30	19	12	61
Employment Readiness	35	0	0	35
Family Reunification	13	7	2	22
Interviewing Skills	30	18	12	60
Job Coaching	30	19	12	61
Money Management	1	0	3	4
MRT	2	2	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	8	0	4	12
Residential Reentry	52	19	0	71
Transitional Skills	22	2	11	35
Transportation Independence	20	0	0	20
Total	274	108	69	451

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	0	5	0	5
Honu	48	8	4	60
Hope	22	114	4	140
Other Services	0	9	0	9
Peer Prevention Group	192	39	0	231
Real	8	10	0	18
Total	270	185	8	463

GRANT CYCLE FOUR PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH MARCH 2021

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	29	4	1	34
Associate's Degree	2	18	1	21
Career Certification	1	4	2	7
CDL	2	0	0	2
Employment Readiness	77	0	0	77
Forklift Certification	31	1	0	32
GED	2	8	1	11
Initial Communication	69	0	0	69
Job Readiness	148	1	0	149
MCC Credit Course	130	96	1	227
National Career Readiness Certificate	18	0	0	18
National Certification	5	3	0	8
Orientation	552	1	0	553
OSHA	1	0	0	1
Other Services	71	0	0	71
Total	1,138	136	6	1,280

RECONNECT, INC

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Career Prep	20	1	0	21
Final Number	13	3	0	16
GPS (self-paced)	36	9	0	45
KEYS 1 (self-paced)	145	48	90	283
KEYS 2 (self-paced)	47	12	2	61
Other Services	0	1	0	1
Post-Release Reentry Support	46	9	1	56
Pre-Release Reentry Support	175	2	2	179
Ready for Work	31	14	3	48
Right Start	34	6	4	44
Success Prep	4	5	5	14
Total	551	110	107	768

GRANT CYCLE FOUR PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH MARCH 2021

RISE

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Post-release Reentry Support	48	29	0	77
Pre-release Reentry Support	27	32	0	59
Total	75	61	0	136

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Computer Aided Drafting	3	2	0	5
Core Classes	37	0	6	43
Core Classes – In Facility	4	0	0	4
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	10	0	2	12
Other Services	9	10	0	19
Welding Module	9	0	4	13
Total	73	12	12	97

YORK COLLEGE

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
A.A. General Studies	0	11	0	11
Total	0	11	0	11