

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, MARCH 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 March 2025¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	22	0	30
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	21
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	47	2	130
Community Justice Center	16	96	515
Mental Health Association (MHA)	2,036	59	721
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	183	197	1,339
Midland University	5	0	11
Opening Doors	159	45	178
Persevere	16	0	3
Project Reset	61	0	84
RISE	165	86	311
ReConnect, Inc.	346	93	519
(WAC) Bristol Station	15	8	46
York University	12	0	0
Total Across Programs	2,777	528	2,871

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 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
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	17	0	0	17
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	16	0	0	16
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	5	0	0	5
Total	38	0	0	38

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	9	0	0	9
Workforce & Life Skills	12	0	0	12
Total	21	0	0	21

Community Alliance

There are **191** 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	81	0	0	81
Charting a New Course	30	2	1	33
Employment Assistance	43	0	0	43
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Financial Literacy	39	0	0	39
Housing Assistance	50	0	0	50
Integrated Health	26	0	0	26
Peer Support/Mentoring	25	0	0	25
Transportation Assistance	22	0	0	22
Total	317	2	1	320

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	470	0	0	470
Community/Family Support	62	0	0	62
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	44	0	0	44
Victim Empathy	368	0	0	368
Total	944	0	0	944

Mental Health Association

There are **2,221** 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	94	2	16	112
HONU	35	15	0	50
Hope	184	0	0	184
Intentional Peer Support (specialist)	0	2	0	2
Outreach	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	469	0	0	469
Rent Wise	29	0	0	29
Total	812	19	16	847

Metropolitan Community College

There are **195** 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
CDL Preparation	66	0	0	66
Employment Readiness	178	0	0	178
Forklift Certification	59	0	0	59
Four-Week Workshop	49	0	0	49
Job Readiness	275	0	0	275
Long-Term Relief Group	162	0	0	162
MCC Credit Course	620	0	71	691
National Career Readiness Certificate	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	370	0	0	370
OSHA	61	0	0	61
Orientation	947	0	0	947
Other Services	596	0	0	596
Trauma Informed Peer Support	862	0	0	862
Total	4,252	0	71	4,323

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	7	1	3	11
Total	7	1	3	11

Opening Doors

There are **169** 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	24	0	2	26
Center Core Competencies	111	1	34	146
Computer/Administrative Skills	176	2	14	192
Other	1	0	3	4
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	41	1	3	45
Total	353	4	56	413

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	0	0	3	3
Coding/Tech Instruction	0	0	3	3
Persevere+ Holistic Wellness	0	0	3	3
Total	0	0	9	9

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	2	0	0	2
Evolve	41	0	0	41
First Aid	1	0	0	1
Fork Lift	2	0	0	2
Hand and Power Tool Training	3	0	0	3
Mentorship	33	0	0	33
Orientation	56	0	0	56
OSHA 10	1	0	0	1
Resiliency	114	0	0	114
Stability Factor Improved	47	0	0	47
Tape Measure Training	8	0	0	8
Trade Job Placement	1	0	0	1
Transitional Employment	7	0	0	7
Total	316	0	0	316

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	27	0	0	27
Emotional Support	913	0	0	913
Employment Assistance	104	0	0	104
Family Program	11	0	0	11
Financial Assistance	35	0	0	35
Housing Assistance	92	0	0	92
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	159	0	0	159
RISE	26	0	0	26
Reentry Planning	629	0	0	629
Substance Use Assistance	6	0	0	6
Transportation Assistance	62	0	0	62
Total	2,064	0	0	2,064

ReConnect, INC

There are **381** 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
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	21	0	1	22
GPS (self-paced)	3	0	0	3
KEYS 1	27	0	0	27
KEYS 2	18	0	0	18
Post-Release Reentry Support	182	2	0	184
Right Start	1	0	0	1
Right Start 2.0	258	0	0	258
Success Prep	130	17	15	162
Success Prep-Bloom	8	0	0	8
Total	650	19	16	685

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **115** 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	12	1	0	13
Conflict Resolution	18	14	3	35
Dress for Success	18	13	3	34
Employment Readiness	25	0	0	25
Employment Retention	15	3	0	18
Getting Back on Track	1	0	0	1
Interviewing Skills	18	14	3	35
Job Coaching	18	12	3	33
MRT	2	1	0	3
Money Management	2	1	0	3
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	6	0	0	6
Relapse Prevention Group	4	2	1	7
Residential Case Management	18	14	3	35
Residential Reentry	18	14	3	35
Transitional Skills	13	1	1	15
Victim Awareness	3	1	0	4
Total	191	91	20	302

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	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0