

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, MAY 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, Dr. Katelynn Towne, at NCJR with the University of Nebraska Omaha (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

Individuals served through May 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	44
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	21
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	51	7	140
Community Justice Center	17	110	643
Mental Health Association (MHA)	2,105	46	839
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	3	343	1,527
Midland University	2	4	15
Opening Doors	146	70	250
Persevere	16	0	3
Project Reset	68	12	115
RISE	135	0	339
ReConnect, Inc.	322	118	653
(WAC) Bristol Station	13	2	52
York University	12	0	0
Total Across Programs	2,912	649	3,295

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	31	0	0	31
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	16	0	0	16
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	5	0	0	5
Total	52	0	0	52

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 **51** 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	91	0	0	91
Charting a New Course	32	2	1	35
Employment Assistance	47	0	0	47
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Financial Literacy	39	0	0	39
Housing Assistance	53	0	0	53
Integrated Health	29	0	0	29
Peer Support/Mentoring	45	0	0	45
Transportation Assistance	24	0	0	24
Total	361	2	1	364

Community Justice Center

There are **17** 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	605	0	0	605
Community/Family Support	81	0	0	81
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	64	0	0	64
Victim Empathy	470	0	0	470
Total	1,220	0	0	1,220

Mental Health Association

There are **2,105** 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	111	2	16	129
HONU	35	16	0	51
Hope	229	0	0	229
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	0	2	0	2
Outreach	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	568	0	0	568
Rent Wise	29	0	0	29
Total	974	20	16	1,010

Metropolitan Community College

There are **3** 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	91	0	0	91
Employment Readiness	215	0	0	215
Forklift Certification	76	0	0	76
Four-Week Workshop	49	0	0	49
Job Readiness	306	0	0	306
Long-Term Relief Group	234	0	0	234
MCC Credit Course	793	0	95	888
National Career Readiness Certificate	82	0	0	82
Non-Credit Workshop	409	0	0	409
OSHA	61	0	0	61
Orientation	1,117	0	0	1,117
Other Services	642	0	0	642
Trauma Informed Peer Support	1,043	0	0	1,043
Total	5,118	0	95	5,213

Midland University

There are **2** 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	11	1	3	15
Total	11	1	3	15

Opening Doors

There are **146** 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	59	0	8	67
Center Core Competencies	153	1	37	191
Computer/Administrative Skills	245	3	16	264
Other	2	1	4	7
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	55	1	4	60
Total	514	6	69	589

Persevere

There are **16** 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 **68** 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 Placements	3	0	0	3
Evolve	49	0	0	49
First Aid	1	0	0	1
Fork Lift	3	0	0	3
Hand and Power Tool Training	10	0	0	10
Mentorship	57	0	0	57
Orientation	85	0	0	85
OSHA 10	3	0	0	3
Other	2	0	0	2
Resiliency	146	0	0	146
Stability Factor Improved	83	0	0	83
Tape Measure Training	13	0	0	13
Trade Job Placement	14	0	0	14
Transitional Employment	16	0	0	16
Total	485	0	0	485

RISE

There are **135** 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	33	0	0	33
Emotional Support	1,068	0	0	1,068
Employment Assistance	118	0	0	118
Family Program	11	0	0	11
Financial Assistance	37	0	0	37
Housing Assistance	103	0	0	103
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	163	0	0	163
RISE	47	0	10	57
Reentry Planning	684	0	0	684
Substance Use Assistance	6	0	0	6
Transportation Assistance	66	0	0	66
Total	2,336	0	10	2,346

ReConnect, INC

There are **322** 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	3	0	0	3
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	24	0	1	25
GPS (self-paced)	23	0	0	23
KEYS 1	32	0	0	32
KEYS 2	25	0	0	25
Post-Release Reentry Support	263	2	0	265
Right Start	1	0	0	1
Right Start 2.0	307	0	0	307
Success Prep	173	18	22	213
Success Prep-Bloom	16	0	0	16
Total	867	20	23	910

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **13** 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	2	0	14
Conflict Resolution	22	18	5	45
Dress for Success	21	18	5	44
Employment Readiness	28	0	0	28
Employment Retention	17	6	2	25
Getting Back on Track	2	0	0	2
Interviewing Skills	21	19	5	45
Job Coaching	21	17	5	43
MRT	2	2	0	4
Money Management	2	2	0	4
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	7	0	0	7
Relapse Prevention Group	8	4	2	14
Residential Case Management	22	18	5	45
Residential Reentry	20	19	5	44
Transitional Skills	14	1	1	16
Victim Awareness	3	1	0	4
Total	222	127	35	384

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