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DATA OVERVIEW

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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 monthly update calls and regular site visits.

The current data derives from an active database, with live data being entered and updated daily. Data values, including previously submitted information, may fluctuate depending on changes made from data entry oversight. One common example of this is when participants begin programming near the end of the month and program 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.

NOTES ON DATA

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual for each program.

- Some participants will leave programming and then return to either finish programming they previously started or to receive additional services. These participations are not reported separately in this monthly report. The participant data reflects only the first participation in each program for completions and numbers served. Program areas are reported for all participant participations.

- Program areas with an end date past the end of the current month are switched to in progress instead of complete or incomplete. Any completions past the date will be reported in the next monthly data report.

- Questions on data presented below can be directed to Katelynn Towne at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

New Participants: The number of participants beginning programming in the specified month who were not served by the program in previous months of the grant cycle.

Total Served: The number of unique individuals served during the month by programs. This is determined by calculating the number of participants that completed programming during the month and those who have not yet completed, but who are receiving services and are listed as active during the month.

Successfully Completed: Participants who have completed overall programming during the month and programs have determined they have successfully completed. Successful completions vary widely both within programs and across programs. Most programs develop individualized plans for each participant. Therefore, successful completion does not mean the same thing for every individual.

Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming: The cumulative total of unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle 3.

Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions: The cumulative total of participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle 3.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM

This table provides information on the exit status of participants who ended their participation in the overall program during the month. The exit status selected by programs for each participant are displayed.

PROGRAM AREAS

Program areas were developed for each program this grant cycle to be able to provide a more complete picture of program participation for each participant. Each program divides their programming into different areas where participants receive services. Some participants only need one service while others may receive a multitude of services which may affect their program length. Beyond successfully completing the entire program, program areas show how participants are still actively participating in programming. They may complete one program area while still being actively involved in other program areas. They will not be shown as successfully completing the program until they have completed their program plan established by the program. In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served in each program area is presented along with the status of those in that program area (completed, in progress, incomplete). Participants can be served in multiple program areas. These reports will show changes over time in how participants are moving through programming. Quarterly reports will explain program areas for each program in more detail.

OCTOBER 2018 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED[1]

Program[2]	New Participants in October	Total Served in October	Successfully Completed in October	Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming	Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	29	121	0	812	628
Bristol Station	5	25	3	202	113
Center for People in Need-TRADE	24	82	21	599	405
Mental Health Association (MHA)	65	286	20	1,003	626
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	59	348	15	1,492	907
ReConnect	42	206	14	1,201	926
York College	0	11	0	12	0
Total	**224**	**1,097**	**73**	**5,849**	**3,953**

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[1] All participant data is on participants unique to each program. Some participants are active in multiple programs.
[2] Midplains Community College (MPCC) is a new grantee to the VLS initiative starting in Grant Cycle 3. They have participants enrolled in programming, and are in the process of entering the participant data into the QuickBase data management system.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 2018 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other[3]	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	2	0	0	**2**
Bristol Station	3	0	2	0	**5**
Center for People in Need-TRADE	21	0	2	1	**24**
Mental Health Association (MHA)	20	0	0	0	**20**
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	15	0	0	0	**15**
ReConnect	14	1	0	1	**16**
York College	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**73**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**82**

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

Note: Some programs have evolved since last reporting to include new program areas. Program updates are included above each program area table. Program area data are not available for Midplains Community College because they are in the process of developing program areas with NCJR evaluators. Program area tables for these grantees will be included in future reports.

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Electrical was added as a program area in January '17. In July '17, two participants began Construction Technology 2 at NSP. In November '17, there were participants starting in Construction Technology 1 and Plumbing. In December '17, participants began Construction Technology 3. Virtual welding began in March '18.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	38	28	17	83
Construction Technology 1	21	0	15	36
Construction Technology 2	14	1	0	15
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	184	48	57	289
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	0	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	647	0	15	662
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	615	0	13	628
Plumbing	0	1	1	2
Plumbing 1	0	1	0	1
Virtual Electrical	0	29	2	31
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	**1,535**	**120**	**123**	**1,778**

BRISTOL STATION

Bristol Station program areas changed in January to reflect the services they provide underneath their vocational, life skills and residential reentry programming. February '17 was the first month someone participated in anger management. Bristol Station added a Relapse Prevention Group in January '18. In March '18, Parenting Skills was added as a program area.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	10	0	8	18
Conflict Resolution	115	21	52	188
Dress for Success	115	19	53	187
Family Reunification	12	2	4	18
Interviewing Skills	114	19	53	186
Job Coaching	115	20	53	188
Job Readiness	116	0	41	157
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	18	0	13	31
MRT	19	3	37	59
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	3	0	1	4
Relapse Prevention Group	6	5	6	17
Residential Reentry	162	21	29	212
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	58	0	28	86
Transportation Independence	71	6	59	136
Total	**998**	**116**	**467**	**1,581**

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Center for People in Need added a Welding Module where participation began in December '17.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	219	25	16	260
Core Classes - In Facility	296	0	40	336
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	82	23	14	119
Office Professional Module	36	26	26	88
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance	16	4	7	27
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	11	4	4	19
Welding Module	24	15	5	44
Total	**685**	**97**	**112**	**894**

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Rent Wise was added as a program area and participation began in February '17. A new program area for Wrap Mentor was also added in February for participants who finished the Wrap program area and then returned as a Wrap Mentor for others during this month. A Day Guest program area was added in November '17 for participants who utilize Honu or Keya for day support. Peer Prevention Group was added to programming in March '18.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	27	4	6	37
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	65	8	19	92
Hope	310	53	67	430
Inmate Support	12	2	0	14
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	17	157	1	175
Real	249	53		302
Rent Wise	6		1	7
Wrap	333	37	11	381
Wrap Mentor	2	3	1	6
Total	**1,025**	**317**	**106**	**1,448**

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Metro Community College added a National Career Readiness Certificate program area in March '17. MCC classes were not offered for the 2017 summer quarter due to grant funding. Many of the incomplete program areas below (3 MCC Core Courses, Career Certification) are due to the break in programming in those areas. These participants were closed out and MCC will add in another program participation if they continue these programs in the future. Trauma Informed Peer Support began in February '18. Always Growing was added as a new program area in March '18. A continuation of Always Growing, Always Growing II, was started in April '18. Job Readiness and Orientation were also added as new program areas in April '18.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	199	139	475	813
Always Growing	14	0	0	14
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	3	30	12	45
Career Certification	0	42	55	97
CDL	1	2	0	3
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	273	0	0	273
Foundation Classes	306	68	47	421
Four-Week Workshop	348	38	46	432
GED	3	19	6	28
Initial Communication	407	132	2	541
Job Readiness	33	1	0	34
Long-Term Relief Group	41	34	0	75
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	82	0	1	83
National Certification	16	33	36	85
Non-Credit ESL	9	2	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	278	0	7	285
Orientation	151	0	0	151
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Total	**2,231**	**540**	**698**	**3,469**

RECONNECT

Reconnect offered a one-day Success Prep workshop in WEC that is a separate program area. Reentry support is now two separate program areas for Pre-Release and Post-Release support beginning in January '17. Right Start, an employment interest assessment and job search program, started in August '17. Pass It On, a personal development program targeting men serving lengthy sentences, began in September '17.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	23	0	0	23
Final Number	248	4	14	266
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	106	0	0	106
Pass It On	28	0	2	30
Post-Release Reentry Support	222	59	3	284
Pre-Release Reentry Support	749	206	4	959
Ready for Work	300	0	0	300
Right Start	87	3	10	100
Success Prep	546	19	53	618
Total	**2,338**	**291**	**86**	**2,715**

YORK COLLEGE

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	0	11	0	11
Critical Thinking	0	11	0	11
Ethical Inquiry	0	11	0	11
Social Responsibility	0	11	0	11
Spiritual Formation	11	0	1	12
Total	**11**	**44**	**1**	**56**