

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, OCTOBER 2023

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Data Overview and Notes

Overview

The present report presents data on participants served over the last month through the Vocational and Life Skills Grant in Nebraska. Grantees use the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS) to submit data on participants served through the Vocational and Life Skills funding. This data is due monthly by grantees and reflects all services provided during the previous month to participants. NDCS staff and evaluators at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research 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.
- Data was migrated from QuickBase into NICaMS starting December 2022 and completed in March 2023. Reports were then built in NICaMS – OAC from April 2023 until January 2024.
 - Reporting has been delayed while waiting for this process to be completed. The present report has been conducted for 7 months retrospectively and the in-progress numbers are not reported unless individuals are still active.
 - The columns criteria and definitions have been modified to better adhere to the NICaMS data reporting system.
- Questions on data presented below may be directed to the Research Coordinator, Katelynn Towne, at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (ktowne@unomaha.edu).

Participants Served

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH OCTOBER 2023¹

Program	Currently Enrolled ²	Total Completed ³	Completed Programming through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	28	128
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	0
Community Justice Center (CJC)	0	43	180
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	16	41	83
Mental Health Association (MHA)	18	58	257
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	0	111	575
Midland University	0	5	6
Opening Doors	26	29	73
Persevere	13	0	1
Project Reset	15	26	69
RISE	0	19	142
ReConnect, Inc.	38	73	230
(WAC) Bristol Station	5	9	32
York College	12	1	1
Total	142	402	1,394

¹ Participant data are unique to each program and participants may be active in multiple programs.

² A summation of individuals who were actively participating in VLS funded programming during the specified month.

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

⁴ A running total of participants who completed a programming in Grant Cycle Five (GC5) through the specified 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 **0** 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
Applied Construction Math	1	0	0	1
Electrical 1	1	0	2	3
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	94	8	0	102
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	75	7	1	83
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	1	0	0	1
Total	172	15	3	190

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	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Community Justice Center

There are **0** active participations in Community Justice Center'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
Circles of Support	149	0	0	149
Community/Family Support	29	0	0	29
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	18	0	0	18
Victim Empathy	120	0	0	120
Total	316	0	0	316

Community Alliance

There are **58** 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	3	5	2	10
Charting a New Course	12	1	3	16
Employment Assistance	6	2	2	10
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	29	14	9	52
Housing Assistance	4	7	1	12
Integrated Health	0	3	2	5
Peer Support/Mentoring	3	1	1	5
Substance Use Support Group	1	0	0	1
Transportation Assistance	1	3	0	4
Total	59	37	20	116

Mental Health Association

There are **18** 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	27	4	4	35
Hope	1	0	0	1
Peer Prevention Group	217	0	0	217
Rent Wise	9	0	0	9
Total	254	4	4	262

Metropolitan Community College

There are **0** 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	6	0	0	6
Employment Readiness	158	0	0	158
Forklift Certification	12	0	0	12
Four-Week Workshop	1	0	0	1
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	71	0	21	92
Non-Credit Workshop	99	0	0	99
Orientation	295	0	0	295
Other Services	288	0	0	288
Trauma Informed Peer Support	26	0	0	26
Total	965	0	21	986

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	0	1	6
Total	5	0	1	6

Opening Doors

There are **27** 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	3	0	2	5
Center Core Competencies	49	2	7	58
Computer/Administrative Skills	29	0	1	30
MIG Welding	7	0	0	7
Other	2	0	0	2
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	15	0	2	17
Total	106	2	12	120

Persevere

There are **26** 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	1	1
Coding/Tech Instruction	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	2	2

Project Reset

There are **60** 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	29	1	2	32
Financial Wellness Workshop	20	0	0	20
Job Coaching and Development	36	0	0	36
Orientation Workshop	44	0	0	44
Resume and Interview Workshop	37	0	1	38
Trade Based Employment	4	0	0	4
Trade Preparation Workshop	7	0	16	23
Transitional Employment	14	1	4	19
Total	194	2	24	220

RISE

There are **0** 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
Business Academy Program	7	0	0	7
Crisis Intervention	10	0	0	10
Emotional Support	175	0	0	175
Employment Assistance	31	0	0	31
Family Program	2	0	0	2
Financial Assistance	3	0	0	3
Housing Assistance	17	0	0	17
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	17	0	0	17
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	11	3	1	15
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	9	1	4	14
Reentry Planning	38	0	0	38
Transportation Assistance	1	0	0	1
Total	321	4	5	330

ReConnect, INC

There are **42** 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
Final Number	1	0	0	1
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	28	0	0	28
GPS (self-paced)	8	0	0	8
KEYS 1	13	0	0	13
KEYS 2	8	0	0	8
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Post-Release Reentry Support	56	0	1	57
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	1	0	0	1
Right Start 2.0	85	0	0	85
Success Prep	54	0	1	55
Success Prep-Bloom	14	0	2	16
Total	271	0	4	276

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **23** 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
Conflict Resolution	12	7	0	19
Dress for Success	12	7	0	19
Employment Readiness	14	0	0	14
Employment Retention	7	3	0	10
Interviewing Skills	12	7	0	19
Job Coaching	12	7	0	19
MRT	1	1	0	2
Money Management	3	1	0	4
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	8	1	0	9
Relapse Prevention Group	2	0	1	3
Residential Case Management	10	7	0	17
Residential Reentry	12	7	0	19
Transitional Skills	6	2	0	8
Total	111	50	1	162

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	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0