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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).

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.

SEPTEMBER 2018 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED[1]

Program	New Participants in September	Total Served in September	Successfully Completed in September	Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	60	83	0	783	633
Bristol Station	5	25	2	197	110
Center for People in Need-TRADE	17	82	4	575	384
Mental Health Association (MHA)	40	237	25	933	605
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	98	300	18	1,439	901
Mid-Plains Community College	8	8	0	8	0
ReConnect	44	180	30	1,159	911
York College	0	11	0	12	0
Total	**272**	**926**	**79**	**5,106**	**3,544**

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

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2018 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other[2]	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	0	5	0	**5**
Bristol Station	2	0	1	0	**3**
Center for People in Need-TRADE	4	2	1	0	**7**
Mental Health Association (MHA)	25	2	0	0	**27**
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	18	1	0	1	**20**
Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC)	0	0	0	0	**0**
ReConnect	30	0	0	0	**30**
York College	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**79**	**5**	**7**	**1**	**92**

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[2] **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.

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	8	29	75
Construction Technology 1	21	0	15	36
Construction Technology 2	14	1	0	15
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	207	0	67	274
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	0	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	617	0	15	632
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	580	0	13	593
Plumbing	0	1	1	2
Plumbing 1	0	1	0	1
Virtual Electrical	25	1	7	33
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	**1,518**	**24**	**150**	**1,692**

BRISTOL STATION

Bristol Station program areas changed in January to reflect the services they provide underneath their vocational, life skills and residential reentry programming. Participations in anger management started in February '17. 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	9	0	7	16
Conflict Resolution	120	10	53	183
Dress for Success	119	9	54	182
Family Reunification	13	0	4	17
Interviewing Skills	118	9	54	181
Job Coaching	120	9	54	183
Job Readiness	109	0	41	150
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	18	0	13	31
MRT	19	2	37	58
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	3	0	1	4
Relapse Prevention Group	8	0	8	16
Residential Reentry	168	9	29	206
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	58	0	27	85
Transportation Independence	71	3	61	135
Total	**1,017**	**51**	**473**	**1,541**

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	212	21	16	249
Core Classes - In Facility	286	0	38	324
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	85	20	14	119
Office Professional Module	37	21	26	84
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance	17	3	7	27
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	13	2	4	19
Welding Module	25	11	5	41
Total	**676**	**78**	**110**	**864**

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	67	3	19	89
Hope	327	17	66	410
Inmate Support	13	1	0	14
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	139	10	1	150
Real	292	17	0	309
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	333	0	11	344
Wrap Mentor	2	3	1	6
Total	**1,210**	**55**	**105**	**1,370**

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	221	66	532	819
Always Growing	14	0	0	14
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	3	27	15	45
Career Certification	0	36	64	100
CDL	1	1	0	2
Forklift Certification	253	0	0	253
Foundation Classes	369	7	47	423
Four-Week Workshop	348	21	46	415
GED	3	18	11	32
Initial Communication	427	87	4	518
Job Readiness	35	1	0	36
Long-Term Relief Group	49	29	0	78
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	82	0	1	83
National Certification	17	26	42	85
Non-Credit ESL	9	2	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	278	0	7	285
Orientation	129	0	0	129
OSHA	17	0	0	17
Total	**2,295**	**321**	**780**	**3,396**

MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mid-Plains Community College joined VLS in July '18. They offer four program areas designed to address public safety issues for businesses and reduce recidivism.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Forklift Operator	0	0	0	0
CDL Prep Training	0	0	0	0
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	8	0	0	8
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	0	0	0	0
Total	**8**	**0**	**0**	**8**

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	227	4	13	244
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	231	38	2	271
Pre-Release Reentry Support	757	148	4	909
Ready for Work	281	0	0	281
Right Start	74	2	10	86
Success Prep	546	12	53	611
Total	**2,302**	**204**	**84**	**2,590**

YORK COLLEGE

York College joined VLS in July '18. They offer five program areas designed to transform lives through Christ-centered education and to equip students for a lifelong service to God, family, and society.

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	0	11	1	12
Total	**0**	**55**	**1**	**56**