

VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS MONTHLY REPORT

GRANT CYCLE FIVE, SEPTEMBER 2024

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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 September 2024¹

Program	Currently Enrolled from last Month ²	Successful Completions last Month ³	Total Completions through GC5 ⁴
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	1	0	309
Black Men United (BMU)	0	0	115
Community Alliance Rehabilitation Services	46	6	247
Community Justice Center	15	76	934
Mental Health Association (MHA)	1,749	50	969
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	223	187	1,759
Midland University	0	0	24
Opening Doors	66	20	210
Persevere	2	0	12
Project Reset	21	0	85
RISE	189	99	341
ReConnect, Inc.	295	38	747
(WAC) Bristol Station	13	10	87
York College	12	0	3
Total	2,367	435	3,867

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 is **1** active participation 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
Core	19	0	7	26
Electrical 1	2	0	2	4
Electrical 2	2	0	1	3
Electrical 4	2	0	0	2
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	191	10	0	201
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	217	11	1	229
OSHA 30 Hour Construction	8	3	0	11
Plumbing 1	1	0	0	1
Total	443	24	11	478

Black Men United

From this month, there is **0** active participation 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	121	0	0	121
Workforce & Life Skills	4	0	0	4
Total	125	0	0	125

Community Alliance

There are **82** 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	78	1	1	80
Charting a New Course	72	18	7	97
Employment Assistance	47	1	2	50
Family Support	0	1	0	1
Financial Literacy	65	41	14	120
Housing Assistance	52	0	0	52
Integrated Health	24	1	1	26
Peer Support/Mentoring	20	0	1	21
Substance Use Support Group	2	0	0	2
Transportation Assistance	11	0	0	11
Total	371	63	26	460

Community Justice Center

There are **15** 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	657	0	0	657
Community/Family Support	42	0	0	42
RJI/Key Reentry Support (RS)	41	0	0	41
Victim Empathy	852	1	2	855
Total	1,592	1	2	1,595

Mental Health Association

There are **1,893** 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	90	11	22	123
HONU	2	0	0	2
Hope	265	0	0	265
Intentional Peer Support (Peer)	1	0	0	1
Intentional Peer Support (Specialist)	21	0	0	21
Outreach	10	0	0	10
Peer Prevention Group	682	0	0	682
Rent Wise	86	0	0	86
Total	1,157	11	22	1,190

Metropolitan Community College

There are **248** 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
3 MCC Core Courses	2	0	0	2
Associate Degree	5	0	0	5
CDL Preparation	58	0	0	58
Employment Readiness	429	0	0	429
Forklift Certification	93	0	0	93
Four-Week Workshop	40	0	0	40
Job Readiness	48	0	0	48
Long-Term Relief Group	35	0	0	35
MCC Certificate of Completion-Credit	9	0	0	9
MCC Credit Course	771	0	113	884
National Career Readiness Certificate	6	0	0	6
National Certification	7	0	0	7
Non-Credit Workshop	405	0	0	405
OSHA	50	0	0	50
Orientation	1,241	0	0	1,241
Other Services	581	0	0	581
Trauma Informed Peer Support	501	0	0	501
Total	4,281	0	113	4,394

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	12	1	11	24
Total	12	1	11	24

Opening Doors

There are **69** 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	5	0	2	7
Center Core Competencies	156	4	31	191
Computer/Administrative Skills	162	3	15	180
MIG Welding	10	0	0	10
Other	5	2	3	10
Tooling-USNE	1	0	0	1
Warehouse/Manufacturing Logistics	59	2	5	66
Total	398	11	56	465

Persevere

There are **4** 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	10	1	1	12
Coding/Tech Instruction	10	1	1	12
Total	20	2	2	24

Project Reset

There are **82** 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	40	1	2	43
Financial Wellness Workshop	26	0	0	26
Job Coaching and Development	48	0	0	48
Orientation Workshop	58	0	0	58
Pre-Apprenticeship Employment	2	0	0	2
Resume and Interview Workshop	55	0	1	56
Trade Based Employment	7	0	0	7
Trade Preparation Workshop	13	0	16	29
Transitional Employment	20	1	5	26
Total	270	2	25	297

RISE

There are **193** 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	96	0	0	96
Emotional Support	1,619	1	0	1,620
Employment Assistance	209	0	0	210
Family Program	26	0	0	26
Financial Assistance	63	0	0	63
Focused Cognitive Work	1	0	0	1
Housing Assistance	158	0	0	158
Parole/Probation/Supervised Release Support	210	0	0	210
RISE: Post-Release Reentry Support	25	3	1	29
RISE: Pre-Release Reentry Support	59	1	5	65
RISE	47	2	2	51
Reentry Planning	652	0	0	652
Substance Use Assistance	8	0	0	8
Transportation Assistance	65	0	0	68
Total	3,240	7	8	3,256

ReConnect, INC

There are **320** 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
Construction Tool Box Credentials	5	0	0	5
Final Number	6	0	0	6
Final Number 2.0 Independent Learning	78	0	0	78
GPS (self-paced)	42	0	0	42
KEYS 1	57	0	0	57
KEYS 2	37	0	0	37
Post-Release Reentry Support	201	3	2	206
Ready for Work	1	0	0	1
Right Start	5	0	0	5
Right Start 2.0	302	0	1	303
Success Prep	259	2	12	273
Success Prep-Bloom	36	0	2	38
Total	1,026	5	17	1,058

Western Alternative Corrections @ Bristol Station

There are **89** 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	9	2	0	11
Conflict Resolution	50	17	3	70
Dress for Success	50	71	3	70
Employment Readiness	48	2	0	50
Employment Retention	40	10	1	51
Getting Back on Track	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	49	18	3	70
Job Coaching	49	18	3	70
MRT	2	0	1	3
Money Management	7	2	0	9
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Personal Growth/Family Reunification	20	2	0	22
Relapse Prevention Group	16	3	1	20
Residential Case Management	47	18	3	68
Residential Reentry	49	17	3	69
Transitional Skills	23	5	0	28
Victim Awareness	4	2	0	6
Total	468	133	21	622

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	3	3
Total	0	0	3	3