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DATA OVERVIEW

JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY DATA: OVERALL PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETIONS

OVERVIEW

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 correct any data errors on an ongoing basis during monthly update calls and regular site visits.

Data presented below is from the most recent monthly data extract. Because this data comes for an active database with live data being entered and updated daily, data, 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 Johanna Peterson at the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (jpeterson@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 2 Receiving Programming: The cumulative total of unique participants served by each program during Grant Cycle 2 (beginning July 1, 2016).

Grant Cycle 2 Successful Completions: The cumulative total of participants who have successfully completed overall programming during Grant Cycle 2 (beginning July 1, 2016).

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.

JANUARY 2018 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED¹

Program	New Participants	Total Served	Successfully Completed	Grant Cycle 2 Receiving Programming	Grant Cycle 2 Successful Completions
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	26	112	16	558	431
Bristol Station	5	26	2	153	86
Center for People in Need-TRADE	42	101	12	408	255
Mental Health Association (MHA)	14	159	39	535	360
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	41	254	25	987	558
Prepared Place	0	4	1	18	3
ReConnect	14	316	31	834	498
ResCare (Ended October 2017)²	0	0	0	510	345
Total	142	972	126	4,003	2,536

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN JANUARY 2018 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other ³	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	16	0	0	0	16
Bristol Station	2	1	2	0	5
Center for People in Need-TRADE	12	4	3	3	22
Mental Health Association (MHA)	39	2	0	3	44
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	25	1	1	1	28
Prepared Place	1	0	0	0	1
ReConnect	31	0	0	1	32
Total	126	8	6	8	148

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

² ResCare no longer provided VLS programming beginning in October 2017. Their numbers are still included in the participants served for Grant Cycle 2.

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

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JANUARY 2018

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Applied Construction Math	19	17	4	40
Construction Technology 1	21	0	6	27
Construction Technology 2	7	5	0	12
Construction Technology 3	0	7	0	7
Core	73	72	17	162
Electrical	0	4	1	5
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	445	0	14	459
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	422	1	6	429
Plumbing	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	987	108	48	1,143

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JANUARY 2018

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Anger Management	6	5	2	13
Conflict Resolution	83	20	34	137
Dress for Success	83	20	34	137
Family Reunification	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	82	20	34	136
Job Coaching	83	20	34	137
Job Readiness	85	17	32	134
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	16	2	6	24
MRT	13	8	25	46
Other Services	5	0	0	5
Problem Solving	3	0	1	4
Relapse Prevention Group	0	3	0	3
Residential Reentry	108	22	29	159
Resume Development	55	1	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	33	4	19	56
Transportation Independence	50	15	38	103
Grand Total	716	157	313	1,186

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JANUARY 2018

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	Grand Total
Core Classes	146	25	9	180
Core Classes - In Facility	155	0	19	174
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	43	25	7	75
Office Professional Module	17	23	21	61
Other Services	11	0	0	11
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	16	9	8	33
Welding Module	4	7	0	11
Grand Total	392	89	64	545

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Benefits	21	3	5	29
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	31	3	8	42
Hope	186	73	33	292
Inmate Support	0	1	0	1
Keya	3	0	0	3
Other Services	1	0	0	1
Real	170	36	1	207
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	162	23	8	193
Wrap Mentor	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	581	141	56	778

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JANUARY 2018

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
3 MCC Core Courses	134	171	249	554
Associate's Degree	1	17	8	26
Career Certification	0	33	39	72
Forklift Certification	119	0	0	119
Foundation Classes	207	45	38	290
Four-Week Workshop	238	23	36	297
GED	3	7	6	16
Initial Communication	341	12	2	355
Long-Term Relief Group	26	21	0	47
MCC Certificate of Completion	11	4	10	25
National Career Readiness Certificate	49	0	0	49
National Certification	7	15	23	45
Non-Credit ESL	8	2	0	10
Non-Credit Workshop	243	1	7	251
OSHA	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	1,388	351	418	2,157

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH JANUARY 2018

PREPARED PLACE

William's Prepared Place rebranded to Prepared Place in March '17. Prepared Place began serving people in their Mind Phase and Strength Phase in September '17.

VLS Programming provided by Prepared Place ended in January '18. This will be the last program areas report for Prepared Place.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Heart Phase	8	5	5	18
Mind Phase	3	0	0	3
Other Services	2	0	0	2
Soul Phase	3	2	3	8
Strength Phase	1	2	0	3
Grand Total	17	9	8	34

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	Grand Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	17	0	0	17
Final Number	169	6	9	184
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	96	0	0	96
Other Services	12	0	0	12
Pass It On	15	3	1	19
Post-Release Reentry Support	110	54	2	166
Pre-Release Reentry Support	409	264	3	676
Ready for Work	165	0	1	166
Right Start	37	2	3	42
Success Prep	392	8	39	439
Grand Total	1,451	337	58	1,846