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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, from which data is 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 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 monthly reports.

NOTES ON DATA

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

- There are some duplicate participants in this report. This is due to some participants leaving programming and subsequently returning to receive additional services. The participant data presented in this report reflects only the first participation for each grantee. Program areas are reported for all 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 end date will be reported in the next monthly data report.

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

CONTENT AND DEFINITIONS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

<u>New Participants:</u> Participants beginning programming in the specified month.

<u>Total Served:</u> Unique individuals served by grantee during the specified month. This is the summation of 1) participants that completed programming during the month with 2) those who have not yet completed, but who are receiving services and were listed as active during the month.

<u>Successfully Completed:</u> Participants who have completed overall programming during the month. Completion status is determined by grantee. Successful completions vary widely both within grantees and across grantees. Most grantees develop individualized programming plans for each participant. Therefore, curricula that results in a successful completion are not comprised of the same program areas for every individual.

<u>Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming:</u> Unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle 3.

<u>Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions:</u> 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 with a grantee during the month. The exit status totals by grantee are presented.

PROGRAM AREAS

Program areas were developed for each grantee this grant cycle to be able to provide a more complete picture of participation for each VLS participant. Each grantee 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 grantee. 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 VLS programming. VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program areas.

PARTICIPANTS SERVED[1]

Program	New Participants in April	Total Served in April	Successfully Completed in April	Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	14	194	0	933	662
Bristol Station	3	25	6	225	134
Center for People in Need-TRADE	31	190	16	740	445
Mental Health Association (MHA)	53	237	45	1,278	966
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	7	457	7	1,824	1,122
Mid-Plains Community College	10	50	2	87	4
ReConnect	39	304	0	1,430	1,012
York College	0	11	0	12	0
Total	**157**	**1,468**	**76**	**6,529**	**4,345**

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

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN APRIL 2019 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other[2]	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol Station	6	1	0	0	7
Center for People in Need-TRADE	16	8	0	0	24
Mental Health Association (MHA)	45	4	0	1	50
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	7	0	0	0	7
Mid-Plains Community College	2	0	0	0	2
ReConnect	0	0	0	0	0
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**76**	**13**	**0**	**1**	**90**

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

Note: 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, 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.

ABC added one instructor at NSP for the Core class and another instructor at the ABC training center in Lincoln. They have also started an accelerated electrical class and a carpentry core class at the Omaha training center.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	38	20	29	87
Construction Technology 1	21	23	15	59
Construction Technology 2	14	1	0	15
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	222	37	67	326
Electrical	1	2	1	4
Electrical 1	1	0	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	736	0	16	752
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	687	0	17	704
Plumbing 1	0	2	1	3
Virtual Electrical	34	1	11	46
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	**1,768**	**96**	**159**	**2,023**

BRISTOL STATION

WAC Bristol Station program areas changed in January '17 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.

Bristol Station had three new VLS participants begin the program in April. Six individuals successfully completed their programming. Bristol Station has received over 70 applicants interested in improving their lives with their program assistance.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	13	0	8	21
Conflict Resolution	136	15	60	211
Dress for Success	135	14	61	210
Family Reunification	20	2	8	30
Interviewing Skills	134	14	61	209
Job Coaching	136	14	61	211
Job Readiness	132	0	42	174
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	19	1	14	34
MRT	20	2	44	66
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	4	0	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	11	2	11	24
Residential Reentry	192	16	29	237
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	70	1	31	102
Transportation Independence	80	0	64	144
Total	**1,166**	**81**	**525**	**1,772**

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Trade has added an additional forklift to increase the amount of drive time and participants during each session.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	294	24	16	334
Core Classes - In Facility	327	0	53	380
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	115	29	21	165
Office Professional Module	52	28	29	109
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	41	6	15	62
Welding Module	48	21	10	79
Total	**878**	**108**	**144**	**1,130**

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.

MHA has had many participants return demonstrating the need of the program and participant recognition of their own needed assistance.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	27	5	6	38
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	108	6	33	147
Hope	374	29	77	480
Inmate Support	13	1	0	14
Intentional Peer Support	1	2	0	3
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	223	65	1	289
Real	336	13	0	349
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	444	0	21	465
Wrap Mentor	8	3	1	12
Total	**1,544**	**124**	**140**	**1,808**

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. MCC 180 RAP continues to collaborate with community employers to expand employment opportunities for the re-entry population. MCC's 180 RAP job center helps 84% of participants find employment.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	238	89	575	902
Always Growing	14	0	0	14
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	3	31	19	53
Career Certification	0	43	75	118
CDL	1	1	1	3
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	313	1	0	314
Foundation Classes	417	70	53	540
Four-Week Workshop	349	36	47	432
GED	3	30	11	44
Initial Communication	470	182	63	715
Job Readiness	70	1	0	71
Long-Term Relief Group	56	60	0	116
MCC Certificate of Completion	16	0	10	26
National Career Readiness Certificate	132	0	1	133
National Certification	17	21	49	87
Non-Credit ESL	9	2	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	290	0	7	297
Orientation	344	0	0	344
OSHA	21	1	0	22
Total	**2,797**	**568**	**912**	**4,277**

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.

MPCC has served 87 participants, and four of them have completed all the course MPCC offers from the Work Ethic Camp.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Forklift Operator	11	0	0	13
CDL Prep Training	44	0	2	44
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	59	0	0	59
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	30	0	0	30
Total	**144**	**0**	**2**	**146**

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.

ReConnect has been hosting resource fairs, and their participants are quickly getting raises after demonstrating a strong work ethic on the job.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	23	0	0	23
Final Number	277	18	17	312
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	106	0	0	106
Pass It On	44	0	2	46
Post-Release Reentry Support	244	70	3	317
Pre-Release Reentry Support	766	212	5	983
Ready for Work	379	2	0	381
Right Start	125	11	13	149
Success Prep	623	17	63	703
Total	**2,616**	**330**	**103**	**3,049**

YORK COLLEGE

York College joined VLS in July '18. They offer five program areas designed to transform lives through faith-based education to encourage moral and spiritual development.

The participants at York College have all finished their final full semester in April. They are all on track to graduate on August 14th.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	22	0	0	22
Critical Thinking	22	0	0	22
Ethical Inquiry	22	0	0	22
Social Responsibility	22	0	0	22
Spiritual Formation	11	0	1	12
Total	**99**	**00**	**1**	**100**