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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 update calls and 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 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 monthly reports.

NOTES ON DATA

- Individuals participating in multiple programs are counted as a unique individual per 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 offerings are reported for all participations.

- Program offerings with an end date past the end of the current month are considered "in progress".

- 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

New Participants: Participants beginning programming in the specified month.

Total Served: 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.

Successfully Completed: 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 offerings for every individual.

Grant Cycle 3 Receiving Programming: Unique participants served by VLS through Grant Cycle 3.

Grant Cycle 3 Successful Completions: 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 OFFERINGS

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, which may affect their total length of programming. Beyond successfully completion, program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered, while still being actively involved in other program offerings. They will not be shown as successfully completing the grantee's program until they have completed their program plan (which includes an indeterminate number of offerings, based on need) established by the grantee. In these monthly reports, a cumulative count of participants served in each program offering is presented along with the status of those in that program offering (completed, in progress, incomplete). VLS quarterly reports provide more detailed descriptions of program offerings.

AUGUST 2019 DATA

PARTICIPANTS SERVED[1]

Program	New Participants in August	Total Served in August	Successfully Completed in August	Received Programming through Grant Cycle 3	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle 3
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	9	77	0	1,029	853
Bristol Station	5	24	1	246	147
Center for People in Need-TRADE	20	221	9	836	488
Mental Health Association (MHA)	27	138	6	1,403	1,128
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	40	356	69	2,118	1,564
Mid-Plains Community College	18	29	0	137	NA
ReConnect, Inc.	31	513	12	1,686	1,060
York College	12	12	0	24	488
Total	**162**	**1,370**	**97**	**7,479**	**5,252**

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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 AUGUST 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	1	1	0	1	3
Center for People in Need-TRADE	9	2	1	1	13
Mental Health Association (MHA)	6	3	0	0	9
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	69	8	0	5	82
Mid-Plains Community College	0	0	0	3	3
ReConnect, Inc.	12	8	0	0	20
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**97**	**22**	**1**	**10**	**130**

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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.

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH AUGUST 2019

Note: Program updates are included above each program offering table.

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Electrical was added as a program offering 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.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Applied Construction Math	50	20	30	100
Construction Technology 1	29	26	16	71
Construction Technology 2	14	11	0	25
Construction Technology 3	5	10	0	15
Core	263	21	81	365
Electrical	2	5	1	8
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	795	0	21	816
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	738	0	26	764
Plumbing 1	0	2	1	3
Virtual Electrical	45	10	15	70
Virtual Welding	9	0	2	11
Total	**1,950**	**105**	**193**	**2,248**

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH AUGUST 2019

BRISTOL STATION

WAC Bristol Station program offerings 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 offering.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Anger Management	13	0	8	21
Conflict Resolution	150	15	66	231
Dress for Success	149	13	67	229
Family Reunification	23	4	10	37
Interviewing Skills	148	13	67	228
Job Coaching	150	13	67	230
Job Readiness	146	0	44	190
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	22	1	14	37
MRT	20	4	47	71
Parenting Skills	0	0	5	5
Problem Solving	4	0	1	5
Relapse Prevention Group	13	2	13	28
Residential Reentry	215	14	29	258
Resume Development	56	0	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	75	2	34	111
Transportation Independence	85	0	64	149
Total	**1,277**	**81**	**561**	**1,919**

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	318	28	19	365
Core Classes - In Facility	371	0	63	434
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	130	31	24	185
Office Professional Module	58	27	33	118
Other Services	1	1	0	2
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	51	7	17	75
Welding Module	67	19	15	101
Total	**997**	**113**	**171**	**1,281**

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Rent Wise was added as a program offering and participation began in February '17. A new program offering for Wrap Mentor was also added in February for participants who finished the Wrap program offering and then returned as a Wrap Mentor for others during this month. A Day Guest program offering 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 Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	41	2	8	51
Day Guest	1	0	0	1
Honu	133	8	52	193
Hope	441	35	97	573
Inmate Support	24	22	0	46
Intentional Peer Support	1	3	0	4
Keya	3	0	0	3
Peer Prevention Group	332	21	1	354
Real	387	19	0	406
Rent Wise	7	3	1	11
Wrap	483	13	22	518
Wrap Mentor	9	5	1	15
Total	**1,862**	**131**	**182**	**2,175**

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Metro Community College added a National Career Readiness Certificate program offering in March '17. MCC classes were not offered for the 2017 summer quarter due to grant funding. Many of the incomplete program offerings 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 offering 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 offerings in April '18.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	285	53	614	952
Always Growing	24	0	0	24
Always Growing II	12	0	1	13
Always Growing III	12	0	0	12
Associate's Degree	7	24	37	68
Career Certification	15	27	92	134
CDL	17	0	1	18
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	351	0	0	351
Foundation Classes	488	31	61	580
Four-Week Workshop	373	12	47	432
GED	4	28	17	49
Initial Communication	643	89	66	798
Job Readiness	130	0	0	130
Long-Term Relief Group	92	38	0	130
MCC Certificate of Completion	23	0	10	33
National Career Readiness Certificate	157	0	1	158
National Certification	27	2	60	89
Non-Credit ESL	11	0	0	11
Non-Credit Workshop	309	0	7	316
Orientation	578	0	0	578
OSHA	35	0	1	36
Trauma Informed Peer Support	3	0	0	3
Total	**3,606**	**304**	**1,015**	**4,925**

MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
CDL Prep Training	22	0	4	26
Forklift Operator	75	0	0	75
Heartsaver CPR/First Aid	72	0	0	72
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	67	0	0	67
Total	**236**	**0**	**4**	**240**

RECONNECT, INC

ReConnect offered a one-day Success Prep workshop in WEC that is a separate program offering. Reentry support is now two separate program offerings 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. Success Prep-Bloom, which is a Prep workshop tailored to women, began in July of 2019.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	32	0	1	33
Final Number	398	3	19	420
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	109	0	0	109
Other Services	1	1	0	2
Pass It On	44	0	2	46
Post-Release Reentry Support	286	72	5	363
Pre-Release Reentry Support	834	257	6	1,097
Ready for Work	425	4	0	429
Right Start	140	7	13	160
Success Prep	712	28	75	815
Success Prep-Bloom	6	0	3	9
Total	**3,016**	**372**	**124**	**3,512**

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YORK COLLEGE

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

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Communication Skills	22	12	0	34
Critical Thinking	22	0	0	22
Ethical Inquiry	32	1	0	33
Social Responsibility	32	13	0	45
Spiritual Formation	22	13	1	35
Total	**129**	**39**	**1**	**169**