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DATA OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2019 MONTHLY DATA: 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 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 through Grant Cycle Three 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.

SEPTEMBER 2019 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)	0	77	0	1,029	853
Bristol Station	4	25	4	250	151
Center for People in Need-TRADE	33	241	0	869	488
Mental Health Association (MHA)	12	142	6	1,415	1,133
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	114	261	48	2,232	1,735
Mid-Plains Community College	5	31	0	142	7
ReConnect, Inc.	56	545	139	1,739	1,199
York College	0	12	0	24	12
Total	**224**	**1,334**	**197**	**7,700**	**5,578**

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

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 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	4	0	2	0	6
Center for People in Need-TRADE	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Health Association (MHA)	6	1	0	0	7
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	48	3	0	0	51
Mid-Plains Community College	0	0	0	0	0
ReConnect, Inc.	139	29	1	0	169
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**197**	**33**	**3**	**0**	**233**

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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 SEPTEMBER 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	12	12	13	37
Construction Technology 1	19	15	11	45
Construction Technology 2	0	22	0	22
Core	91	21	24	136
Electrical	0	3	0	3
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	235	0	6	241
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	213	0	16	229
Virtual Electrical	45	10	15	70
Total	**615**	**83**	**85**	**783**

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	6	0	1	7
Conflict Resolution	33	16	16	65
Dress for Success	33	14	16	63
Family Reunification	13	3	9	25
Interviewing Skills	33	15	16	64
Job Coaching	33	15	16	64
Job Readiness	44	1	5	50
Money Management	4	1	3	8
MRT	0	5	12	17
Problem Solving	1	0	0	1
Relapse Prevention Group	9	5	11	25
Residential Reentry	55	17	0	72
Transitional Skills	27	3	8	38
Transportation Independence	19	0	1	20
Total	**310**	**95**	**114**	**519**

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	137	11	6	154
Core Classes - In Facility	128	0	30	158
Family Support	1	0	0	1
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	63	14	13	90
Office Professional Module	29	11	6	46
Other Services	1	1	0	2
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	27	3	6	36
Welding Module	52	19	10	81
Total	**438**	**59**	**71**	**568**

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	15	0	2	17
Honu	77	13	38	128
Hope	149	45	37	231
Inmate Support	11	21	0	32
Intentional Peer Support	1	3	0	4
Peer Prevention Group	264	26	0	290
Real	113	26	0	139
Rent Wise	1	3	2	6
Wrap	212	13	12	237
Wrap Mentor	9	3	1	13
Total	**852**	**153**	**92**	**1,097**

GRANT CYCLE 3 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019

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	59	127	139	325
Always Growing	10	0	0	10
Associate's Degree	0	27	13	40
Career Certification	6	23	28	57
CDL	16	5	4	25
Fiber Optics Certification Course	10	0	0	10
Forklift Certification	153	0	0	153
Foundation Classes	203	16	15	234
Four-Week Workshop	58	0	3	61
GED	0	25	5	30
Initial Communication	290	7	63	360
Job Readiness	120	0	0	120
Long-Term Relief Group	38	30	9	77
MCC Certificate of Completion	7	0	0	7
National Career Readiness Certificate	90	0	0	90
National Certification	0	1	12	13
Non-Credit Workshop	58	0	0	58
Orientation	553	0	0	553
OSHA	18	0	1	19
Total	**1,689**	**261**	**292**	**2,242**

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	80	0	0	80
OSHA Focus 4 Hazards	67	0	0	67
Total	**244**	**0**	**4**	**248**

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	15	0	1	16
Final Number	212	1	6	219
Orientation	7	0	0	7
Other Services	0	1	0	1
Pass It On	22	0	3	25
Post-Release Reentry Support	74	62	3	139
Pre-Release Reentry Support	119	190	3	312
Ready for Work	199	3	0	202
Right Start	92	7	3	102
Success Prep	239	35	33	307
Success Prep-Bloom	6	0	3	9
Total	**985**	**299**	**55**	**1,339**

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	0	35
Total	**130**	**39**	**0**	**169**