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

Grant Cycle Four Successful Completions: Participants who have successfully completed overall programming through Grant Cycle Four.

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 successful completion, program offering status describes how participants are or have participated in programming. Participants may complete one program offered while 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 Four 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.

PARTICIPANTS SERVED[1]

Program	New Participants in August	Total Served in August	Successfully Completed in August	Received Programming through Grant Cycle Four	Successful Completions through Grant Cycle Four
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	0	85	0	110	22
Bristol Station	6	26	4	29	6
Center for People in Need-TRADE	7	7	2	7	2
Mental Health Association (MHA)	16	141	7	143	7
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	78	312	112	398	196
ReConnect, Inc.	45	417	11	413	14
Rise[2]	TBD	42	TBD	80	TBD
York College	0	12	0	12	0
Total	**152**	**1,042**	**136**	**1,192**	**247**

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

[2] RISE is a new VLS grantee for grant cycle four currently in the onboarding evaluation process. Participants served and exiting, as well as programming offering statuses for VLS reporting are currently being calculated with RISE leadership and the UNO evaluation team.

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN AUGUST 2020 BY EXIT STATUS

Program	Successful Completion	Terminated by Self	Terminated by Program	Other[3]	Total Exited
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)	4	0	0	0	0
Bristol Station	7	0	0	0	9
Center for People in Need-TRADE	2	2	0	0	4
Mental Health Association (MHA)	7	2	0	0	9
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	112	112	0	1	118
ReConnect, Inc.	11	11	0	0	11
York College	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**136**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**146**

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[3] **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 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	14	27	3	44
Carpentry 1	0	2	0	2
Construction Technology 1	0	15	0	15
Construction Technology 2	0	23	0	23
Construction Technology 3	0	10	0	10
Core	0	55	0	55
Electrical 1	0	2	0	2
Electrical 2	0	3	0	3
HVAC 1	0	2	0	2
HVAC 2	0	1	0	1
HVAC 3	0	1	0	1
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	3	0	1	4
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	14	0	0	14
Plumbing 1	0	2	0	2
Plumbing 2	0	1	0	1
Virtual Electrical	0	12	0	12
Total	**31**	**156**	**4**	**191**

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	0	0	0	0
Conflict Resolution	6	20	3	29
Dress for Success	6	19	3	28
Family Reunification	4	3	1	8
Interviewing Skills	6	19	3	28
Job Coaching	6	19	3	28
Job Readiness	9	0	0	9
Money Management	0	1	1	2
MRT	0	0	1	1
Problem Solving	0	0	0	0
Relapse Prevention Group	0	0	0	0
Residential Reentry	9	19	0	28
Transitional Skills	3	4	1	8
Transportation Independence	6	0	0	6
Total	**55**	**104**	**16**	**175**

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Core Classes	0	21	0	21
Core Classes - In Facility	0	0	0	0
Family Support	0	0	0	0
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	0	18	0	18
Office Professional Module	0	16	0	16
Other Services	0	1	0	1
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance Module	0	5	0	5
Welding Module	0	10	0	10
Total	**0**	**71**	**0**	**71**

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA)

Rent Wise was added as a program offering and participation began in February '17. 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. Life Skills was added to programming in November of '19.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Benefits	0	5	0	5
Honu	13	9	8	30
Hope	0	60	0	60
Inmate Support	0	0	0	0
Intentional Peer Support	0	6	0	6
Peer Prevention Group	4	50	0	54
Peer Supported Housing	0	1	0	1
Real	0	3	0	3
Rent Wise	0	0	0	0
Total	**17**	**134**	**8**	**159**

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. MCC added birth certificate and food pantry to the Other Services program offering in November '19.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
3 MCC Core Courses	5	42	18	65
Always Growing	0	0	0	0
Associate's Degree	0	28	1	29
Career Certification	0	7	3	10
CDL	0	2	0	2
Fiber Optics Certification Course	0	0	0	0
Forklift Certification	0	0	0	0
Foundation Classes	0	0	0	0
Four-Week Workshop	0	0	0	0
GED	0	5	0	5
Initial Communication	20	67	0	87
Job Readiness	51	99	0	150
Long-Term Relief Group	0	19	0	19
MCC Certificate of Completion	0	0	0	0
National Career Readiness Certificate	11	0	0	11
National Certification	2	6	1	9
Non-Credit Workshop	0	0	0	0
Orientation	222	0	0	222
OSHA	0	0	0	0
Total	**311**	**275**	**23**	**609**

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 '19. Key ^{2} Life Success and Goals, Plans, and Strategies was developed in response to Covid-19 program limitations, began in March '20.

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Construction Tool Box Credentials	0	1	0	1
Final Number	0	1	0	1
Goals, Plans, and Strategies	2	2	0	4
Key ^{2} Life Success	0	158	0	158
Orientation	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Pass It On	0	0	0	0
Post-Release Reentry Support	2	63	0	65
Pre-Release Reentry Support	15	364	0	379
Ready for Work	12	1	1	14
Right Start	13	6	0	19
Success Prep	0	8	0	8
Success Prep-Bloom	0	0	0	0
Total	**44**	**604**	**1**	**649**

YORK COLLEGE

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

Program Offering	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Total
Associate's Degree	0	12	0	12
Total	**0**	**12**	**0**	**12**