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DATA OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2017 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.

SEPTEMBER 2017 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)	0	87	0	408	317
Bristol Station	6	25	2	131	71
Center for People in Need-TRADE	16	73	24	294	199
Mental Health Association (MHA)	17	101	5	412	267
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	5	229	8	830	452
Prepared Place	0	9	2	16	2
ReConnect	46	501	299	702	463
ResCare	37	51	32	510	345
Total	127	1,076	372	3,303	2,116

PARTICIPANTS EXITING PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2017 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	2	0	0	0	2
Center for People in Need-TRADE	24	0	2	0	26
Mental Health Association (MHA)	5	0	1	3	9
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	8	12	0	2	22
Prepared Place	2	0	1	1	4
ReConnect	299	0	3	2	304
ResCare	32	2	2	0	36
Total	372	14	9	8	403

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

² **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 SEPTEMBER 2017

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 which was an already established program area.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Applied Construction Math	6	24	4	34
Construction Technology 2	0	2	0	2
Core	35	67	6	108
Electrical	0	2	1	3
OSHA 10 Hour Construction	347	0	11	358
OSHA 10 Hour General Industry	267	0	2	269
Grand Total	655	95	24	774

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Anger Management	5	1	0	6
Conflict Resolution	71	19	26	116
Dress for Success	71	19	26	116
Family Reunification	3	0	0	3
Interviewing Skills	70	19	26	115
Job Coaching	71	19	26	116
Job Readiness	73	19	25	117
Managing Mental/Medical	6	0	2	8
Money Management	15	1	3	19
MRT	9	7	21	37
Other Services	5	0	0	5
Problem Solving	3	0	1	4
Residential Reentry	84	20	30	134
Resume Development	54	2	22	78
Time Management	2	0	1	3
Transitional Skills	19	7	14	40
Transportation Independence	45	9	28	82
Grand Total	606	142	251	999

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017

CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (TRADE)

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Core Classes	92	18	8	118
Core Classes - In Facility	155	0	19	174
Forklift & Warehouse Operations Module	27	20	3	50
Office Professional Module	12	12	13	37
Other Services	11	0	0	11
Residential Construction & Building Maintenance	12	4	4	20
Grand Total	309	54	47	410

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Benefits	18	5	5	28
Honu	27	1	8	36
Hope	138	54	26	218
Inmate Support	0	1	0	1
Keya	3	0	0	3
Other Services	1	0	0	1
Real	129	40	0	169
Rent Wise	6	0	1	7
Wrap	122	23	8	153
Wrap Mentor	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	444	126	48	618

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MCC)

Metro Community College added a National Career Readiness Certificate program area in March '17.

MCC classes are not being 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	126	88	213	427
Associate's Degree	1	17	8	26
Career Certification	0	37	30	67
Forklift Certification	64	1	9	74
Foundation Classes	148	63	31	242
Four-Week Workshop	159	17	31	207
GED	3	7	6	16
Initial Communication	321	9	2	332
Long-Term Relief Group	17	14	0	31
MCC Certificate of Completion	11	5	9	25
National Career Readiness Certificate	45	0	0	45
National Certification	6	21	17	44
Non-Credit ESL	8	2	0	10
Non-Credit Workshop	200	1	7	208
OSHA	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	1,110	282	363	1,755

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.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Heart Phase	8	3	2	13
Mind Phase	1	1	0	2
Other Services	1	0	0	1
Soul Phase	4	2	3	9
Strength Phase	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	14	8	5	27

GRANT CYCLE 2 PROGRAM AREAS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017

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	11	1	0	12
Final Number	133	2	9	144
One-Day Success Prep Workshop	29	0	0	29
Orientation	84	0	0	84
Other Services	12	0	0	12
Pass It On	0	14	1	15
Post-Release Reentry Support	101	29	1	131
Pre-Release Reentry Support	384	136	2	522
Ready for Work	126	0	0	126
Right Start	8	0	0	8
Success Prep	312	47	34	393
Grand Total	1,200	229	47	1,476

RESCARE

Many of ResCare's participants leave programming before completing programming if they have secured employment. These individuals are listed as a successful participant under their program definition of success.

ResCare's VLS contract ended in September '17. All program areas are left as they were when programming ended. This will be the last monthly report with ResCare data reported.

Program Area	Completed	In Progress	Incomplete	Grand Total
Get the Right Future	372	16	158	546
Grand Total	372	16	158	546