

**Nebraska Department of Correctional Services  
Vocational & Life Skills Program  
Quarterly Report**

**DATE:** April 1, 2016

**TO:** Pete Ricketts, Governor  
Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature

**FROM:** Dawn-Renee Smith, Reentry Administrator

**RE:** Vocational & Life Skills (VLS) Program

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Statute 83-904, the following provides a report on aid distributed under the Vocational & Life Skills Program.

The following community organizations have received funding under the vocational and life skills grant program:

Goodwill Industries – RESTART; Western Alternative Corrections, Inc.; Center For People In Need; Metropolitan Community College; Released and Restored, Inc.; Mental Health Association of Nebraska; Prairie Gold Homes; ResCare Workforce Services

Funding was awarded in January and programs could begin program design and hiring, effective February 1, 2015. All programs are fully staffed and providing services to the target population.

<b>Number of Individuals Receiving Programming this Quarter (October – December 2015)</b>	679
<b>Types of Programming</b>	Vocational; life skills
<b>Cost per Individual</b>	See below *
<b>Number of Individuals Successfully Completed Programming</b>	212**

\*Although cost per individual is identified, it does not provide an accurate picture of the true cost per client. These numbers will be much more accurately represented at the end of the grant cycle (June 30, 2016). The number displayed reflects the total expenditures for the total number of individuals served through December 31, 2015.

\*\*Successful completion is difficult to capture during the grant period as grantees are working with individuals even after they obtain employment. Additionally, some programs conduct one-day seminars, for example, and there is no specific criteria for successful completion outside of their attendance.

<b>Grantee</b>	<b># unique individuals receiving program for the QTR.</b>	<b># unique individuals successfully completed for the QTR.</b>	<b>Total # unique individuals receiving programing to date</b>	<b>Total # unique individuals successfully completing programing to date***</b>	<b>Cost per individual to date</b>
<b>Mental Health Assoc.</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$1101.35</b>
<b>Metro Community College</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>
<b>Released &amp; Restored</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$527.71</b>
<b>Prairie Gold Homes</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>\$2559.89</b>
<b>Goodwill Restart</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$1377.48</b>
<b>Center for People In Need</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$2210.44</b>
<b>Bristol Station</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$1555.92</b>
<b>ResCare</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$1164.31</b>

**Funds not expended:**

The grant cycle includes the five months of FY 2014-2015 and all of FY 2015-2016. All available funds were awarded to eight organizations. Any funds not expended will be known at the end of FY 2015-2016 and, per statute, will be carried into the next fiscal year.

cc: Scott R. Frakes, Director  
 Senator Bob Krist, Chair, Executive Board of the Legislature  
 Rosalyn Cotton, Chair, Board of Parole  
 Mike Rothwell, Deputy Director  
 Kevin Hand, Vocational & Life Skills Coordinator  
 Grantees  
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