



NEBRASKA CENTER

FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

NCWDE

2018 marked the launch of **NCWDE** with a mission to create opportunities for individuals to gain exposure to careers in the trades and a vision to provide skills and support to redirect an individual's path through education and skills development, leading to employment in the skilled trades and labor industry.

2018

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 1
ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET: \$18,125

"College is portrayed as the only way to be successful but this opened new ways for me." - T.O.O.L.S. Trade Camp



TOOLS

2019 was the program launch for **Trades Offer Opportunities that Lead to Success**. T.O.O.L.S. provides high school students with alternative career pathways, promotes health and well-being, reduces educational disparities, and empowers students to gain exposure to high-wage, high-benefit employment through a series of three-day and five-day interactive and engaging trade camps.

2019

T.O.O.L.S. PARTICIPANTS: INAUGURAL YEAR
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 5

"My granddaughter came home the first day walking on air. I believe that this was the sheet metal trade that she had been to...Her enthusiasm never wavered through the whole week. The excellent planning made this a wonderful experience for her. Please keep this a continuing educational experience." - T.O.O.L.S. Trade Camp



GRIT

2020 was the program launch for **GRIT Resiliency Workshops**. Resiliency Training covers recognizing the symptoms of stress, PTSD, traumatic events, suicidal thoughts, and the importance of focusing on the mental health of yourself, your colleagues, and your peers.

2020

GRIT PARTICIPANTS: INAUGURAL YEAR
(DUE TO COVID, PROGRAM DELAYED UNTIL 2021)
T.O.O.L.S. PARTICIPANTS: 0
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 2



RESET

2021 was the program launch for **Project Reset** to address two growing concerns - The first is the current workforce shortage in our skilled labor and trades industry, and the second is the impact of a lack of career path and the inability to make a living wage on the recidivism rate of an individual involved in our overwhelmed criminal justice system. Project Reset launches as a public-private partnership of 1:1 funds.

2021

PROJECT RESET PARTICIPANTS: 325
GRIT PARTICIPANTS: 226
T.O.O.L.S. PARTICIPANTS: 0
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 7



“With consistency and all the classes and programs you offer, I kind of figured out my lane. You guys actually look at the people that other people don’t want to look at. You guys want to take us and give us the opportunity to win.” - Project Reset

In April of 2022, NCWDE hired Jim Vecchio as our first full-time **CEO** to lead the organization. Also, Project Reset began program evaluation work with the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and GRIT became integrated into the Project Reset Program.

CEO

2022

PROJECT RESET PARTICIPANTS: 245
GRIT PARTICIPANTS: 66
T.O.O.L.S. PARTICIPANTS: 25
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 8



“It mean everything to me. It means good. It’s a blessing” - Project Reset

TODAY

2023

PROJECT RESET PARTICIPANTS: 245
GRIT PARTICIPANTS: 390
T.O.O.L.S. PARTICIPANTS: 50
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 7
ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET: \$1,109,055



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