TRIO Works in Maine!
2014 - 2015 Yearbook
Providing College Access and Retention Services
to over 6,300 Maine Adults and Youth

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Need for TRIO

Education that Works
The decreased demand for traditional Maine jobs such as logging, shoe manufacturing, fishing, and farming is being replaced by jobs that demand higher levels of education. For the many Maine residents living in severe poverty, activities that allow them to prepare for this changing society are crucial. Maine’s TRIO programs provide such activities and preparation.

Maine’s TRIO programs work with students across the state to prepare them for joining the Maine workforce. Youth programs include the Educational Talent Search (grades 6-12) and Upward Bound (grades 9-12). Adult programs include the Educational Opportunity Center (adults aged 19 and over) and Student Support Services (college students at sponsoring postsecondary institutions.)

By removing the barriers faced by families with low-income and low educational attainment, TRIO programs in Maine help break the cycle of poverty. Increasing the educational attainment of this population not only strengthens Maine’s educated workforce, but it also reduces dependence on welfare systems. Thus, Maine’s TRIO programs are a vital part of economic growth in Maine.

“Just 25 percent of Maine adults ages 25 to 64 hold bachelor’s degrees, compared with 35 percent of all New Englanders. In some rural Maine counties, only 15 percent of working-age adults hold four-year degrees.”


Why TRIO?
TRIO programs work to break the cycle of poverty by enabling low-income, first generation students to access, and succeed in postsecondary education.

For more information visit:
www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html
**Education That Works**

**History**
Collectively, these college access programs are referred to as “Federal TRIO Programs.” Upward Bound was the first to be created in 1964 by the Economic Opportunity Act. Educational Talent Search was established by the Higher Education Act of 1965 and a 1968 Amendment added Student Support Services. Subsequent Amendments in 1972, 1976, 1986 and 1990 added Educational Opportunity Centers, The Training Program for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement; and Upward Bound Math-Science -- but the “TRIO” name continued. The legislative requirements for the TRIO programs can be found in the Higher Educational Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Subpart 4.

**Purpose**
The primary purpose of TRIO programs is to prepare underserved persons for successful entry into, retention in, and completion of postsecondary education. These programs identify low income and potential first generation college students and provide them with encouragement, support, and assistance to help them achieve their educational goals.

**Service**
TRIO services are designed to improve academic performance, increase student motivation, and facilitate transitions from one level of education to the next.

“Some of my favorite things about TRIO include having an extra academic advisor, free printing, and all the special events, activities, and stress busters they plan. They are really there to support you through college! I probably could not have achieved as much as I have during my college career without them - they’re like a second family.”

Blair Pelletier
UMFK Class of 2013

**MEEOA President Update**

Dear Students, Alumni, and Friends of TRIO,

Maine TRIO has been busy this year doing what we do best – serving first-generation, low-income, and disabled students. Just over 50 years since Lyndon B. Johnson declared war on poverty, TRIO programs thrive, continuously adapting to the pace of changes in our world! Through collective and collaborative efforts as a region, TRIO professionals in Maine have continued to advocate for equal access to educational opportunities through long-term strategic planning, professional development, advocacy, leadership, alumni engagement, and partnership development.

TRIO in Maine encompasses five federal Department of Education programs, each of which is presented in this booklet. Together, a team of TRIO professionals serves approximately 6,734 high-need, high-achieving students from sixth grade through adults of any age. We have a dedicated network of people supporting Maine students, and strengthening educational opportunities in this great state for future generations.

Please take the time to learn more about our programs, join us in celebrating our students’ accomplishments, and support educational opportunities for Maine students.

Clearly, TRIO works!

Kelly Ann Ilsemann, President
Maine Educational Opportunity Association
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<th>TRIO Program:</th>
<th>Participant Eligibility</th>
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<td><strong>Educational Opportunity Center</strong></td>
<td>Serves individuals age 19 or above who have expressed an interest in pursuing postsecondary education and are in need of project services. If services of Educational Talent Search are not available in target area, persons under 19 may be served.</td>
<td>Competitions are held every five years. Second through fifth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed in spring 2011. The next expected competition is in 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Educational Talent Search</strong></td>
<td>Serves students in selected target area between the ages of 11 and 27 who have completed at least five years of elementary education.</td>
<td>Competitions are held every five years. Second through fifth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed in late 2010. The next expected competition is in 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Support Services</strong></td>
<td>Serves students who are enrolled/ accepted in a sponsoring postsecondary institution, have an established need for academic assistance and are low income, first generation, and/or physically disabled.</td>
<td>Competitions are held every five years. Second through fifth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The grant competition is currently in process, with awards expected in summer 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Upward Bound</strong></td>
<td>Serves students in selected target area between 13 and 19 who have completed 8th grade, are planning to go to college and need services to progress successfully to postsecondary program.</td>
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<td><strong>Upward Bound Math-Science</strong></td>
<td>Serves students between 13 and 19, in 9th or 10th grade, who are planning to go to college, have an interest in and aptitude for careers in math and science, and need the services in order to fulfill their goals.</td>
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**Notable results from Recent Grant Competitions**

**SSS competition in 2010** - All existing SSS grants in Maine were refunded and one new grant was funded at the University of Southern Maine. Awards in the current competition are expected in summer 2015.

**ETS competition in 2010** - The existing grant at the University of Maine was refunded and one new grant was funded at the University of Maine Presque Isle.

**EOC competition in 2011** - The existing grant at the University of Maine was refunded.

**UB Competition in 2012** - Six of seven existing grants were refunded and one new grant was funded at the University of Maine Farmington. The grant at the University of Maine did not receive funding.

**UBMS competition in 2012** - The existing grant at the University of Maine was refunded.
# TRIO Projects in Maine

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<th>Program Location</th>
<th># Students Served</th>
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<td>University of Maine</td>
<td>1,111</td>
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<td>2 Educational Talent Search Projects</td>
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<td>11 Student Support Services Projects</td>
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<td>Bowdoin College</td>
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<td>7 Upward Bound Projects</td>
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22 TRIO Projects in Maine

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<th>Participants Funded to Serve</th>
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<td>6,734</td>
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Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) programs provide assistance and information to adults who seek to enter or re-enter a program of postsecondary education.

“\textit{It is very important to me that people know about MEOC. It is a valuable resource to help people achieve their educational goals like I did!’}”

Funding and Performance

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<th>Current Funding for Maine</th>
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<td># of Awards</td>
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Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in November 2014.

In 2014:

- 644 Maine Educational Opportunity Center participants enrolled in college.
- MEOC assisted 1,270 participants in applying for their FAFSA.

Since 1991 the Maine Educational Opportunity Center

- Placed more than 15,000 adults in college.
- Assisted more than 42,500 Maine adults in exploring college and career options.

Funding Cycle

The last EOC grant competition was held in Spring 2011. At the time, the lone EOC in Maine was refunded at its previous levels. The next competition is expected in 2015.

Amanda

I had gone beyond my original goal to graduate from the University of Maine at Augusta with an AS in Mental Health and Human Services. MEOC was such an important part of my connection to my college career. Marty Kelley was the reason I felt I could pursue my goals because she believed in my abilities. I went on to pursue a BA in Mental Health when I didn’t even think in the beginning I would be able to make it two years! MEOC not only helped me get connected with the right college and program, but also assisted in the FAFSA process each year.

In January 2015, Amanda was a recipient of the Maine Educational Opportunity Association’s Rising Star Award.
The Educational Talent Search (ETS) program identifies at risk youth who have the desire and potential for success in postsecondary education. The primary goal of ETS is to successfully encourage participants to enroll in postsecondary education.

“I am thankful for being a participant in the Talent Search program during my high school years, it helped me to really realize that becoming an educator was the right path for me.”

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<td>740,255 was awarded in FY 2014</td>
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<td>Total # of Students Served</td>
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<td>Average Grant Award</td>
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<td>Average # of Participants</td>
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<td>806</td>
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<td>Average Cost per Participant</td>
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<td>$460</td>
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Performance Outcomes
Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in November 2014.

In 2014:
• 86% of METS seniors graduated having completed a rigorous program of study.
• 86% of METS seniors enrolled in postsecondary education.

Since 1977 Maine Educational Talent Search programs have assisted more than 10,200 Maine Youth enroll in college.

Funding Cycle
The last ETS grant competition was held in Winter 2011. At the time, Maine was awarded two ETS programs, one new and one renewal. The next competition is expected in 2015.
Student Support Services

The Student Support Services (SSS) Program provides supportive services to disadvantaged college students to enhance their potential for successfully completing the education program in which they are enrolled and to facilitate their transition to the next level of higher education.

“TRIO/SSS and its dedicated staff helped me begin my educational path and gave me the encouragement I needed along the way to keep going.”

Funding and Performance

Current Funding for Maine
$3.37 Million was awarded in FY2014

| # of Awards | 11 |
| # of Participants | 2,285 |
| Average Award | $305,368 |
| Average # of Participants | 208 |
| Cost per Participant | $1,472 |

National Funding
$288.63 Million was awarded in FY 2014

| Number of Awards | 1027 |
| Total # of Students Served | 288,631,903 |
| Average Awards | $281,043 |
| Average # of Participants | 197 |
| Cost per Participant | $1,425 |

Performance Outcomes
Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in Fall 2014.

In 2014, based on surveyed SSS programs:
• 83% of Maine Student Support Service Participants were in Academic Good Standing.
• 78% of Maine Student Support Service Participants persisted to the next year.

Funding Cycle
The last SSS grant competition was held in Winter 2010. At the time, the existing ten SSS programs were refunded and one new program was awarded at the University of Southern Maine. The deadline for the next SSS competition is February 2, 2015, with awards anticipated in Summer 2015.
Upward Bound (UB) Programs generate skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school. Participants are currently enrolled in high school, low income and/or potential first generation, and willing to prepare themselves for entry into postsecondary education.

“A life-changing transformational metamorphosis. This aptly depicts my interaction with the University of Maine Upward Bound TRIO program.”

Bill

Tenacious. Steadfast. Unwavering in support. This aptly depicts my interaction with the Upward Bound TRIO program staff. Their guidance helped to establish and place me firmly on a college-bound trajectory.

The Upward Bound TRIO program enabled me to break the cycle and it is through the TRIO programs that I have come to realize – I can help create the world of tomorrow. Today.

The Upward Bound TRIO program started with a malleable individual who lacked confidence in ability and financial resources. With logical impartations and persuasive (academic) mentoring, helped me to deduce that big conclusions are a result of smaller impartations.

The Upward Bound coordinators, staff, and administration heralded this mantra with aplomb. And their commitment created a metamorphosis in the life of a malleable young man – a man who endeavors to inspire and believe that we can make a difference.

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<td>$2.2 million was awarded in FY 2014</td>
<td>$264.58 Million was awarded in FY 2014</td>
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<td># of Awards</td>
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<td>Average # of Participants</td>
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<td>Average Cost per Participant</td>
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Performance Outcomes

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In 2014:

- Maine Upward Bound programs served 485 eligible students.
- 81% of Maine Upward Bound students enrolled in post-secondary education.
- 89% of Maine Upward Bound students held a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- 99% of Maine Upward Bound students graduated from high school or were promoted to the next grade in HS.

Funding Cycle

The last UB grant competition was held in Winter 2012. At the time, Maine was awarded 7 UB programs, one new and six renewals. There was also one program that did not receive renewal funding. The next competition is expected in 2016.
Upward Bound Math-Science strengthens the math and science education of participating students, assists them in demonstrating competency and encourages them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science fields.

“Being a part of Upward Bound Math Science program helped me to improve in these subjects and go on to a related career.”

Math and science were never my strong suits in school. When I started UBMS, I was slightly intimidated and fearful that I would lag behind. Being a part of Upward Bound Math & Science program helped me to improve in these subjects and go on to a related career. The summer projects were hands on and divided into small groups, which taught me to not only be able to work constructively with others but also to use science in a different way than we did in school. We were actually taking real life issues and coming up with solutions. I felt like our research could actually make a difference, and the hands on approach made it easier to understand. The individual research projects were ultimately my favorite. Coming up with a science experiment that interested me and working one on one with a mentor helped me to gain confidence in my abilities.

The experience that UBMS provided helped me to realize that not only was college possible, but being in the medical field would be a way for me to continue making a real life difference while using a hands on approach. After UBMS, I went on to earn my Bachelors of Science in Nursing from UMaine. I graduated in 2009, and have been working as a Registered Nurse in the acute care setting since then. I have worked in a variety of areas including medical, surgical, cardiac, and even postpartum care. I attribute my success in college and in my career to the valuable lessons I learned while at Upward Bound.

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<td>Cost per Participant</td>
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National Funding

$43.1 Million was awarded in FY 2014

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<th>Number of Awards</th>
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<td>Total # of Students Served</td>
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<td>Average # of Participants</td>
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<td>Cost per Participant</td>
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Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in December 2014.

In 2014:

- 100% of Maine Upward Bound Math-Science students were promoted to the next grade level or graduated.
- 71% of Maine Upward Bound Math-Science students enrolled in PSE.

Funding Cycle

The last UBMS grant competition was held in Summer 2012. At the time, Maine’s existing UBMS was refunded. The next competition is expected in 2016.
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