

Maine Educational Opportunity Association FACTBOOK 2022-2023



TRIO WORKS



MEEOA President Update

TRIO programs have a strong record of success in Maine, supporting our most vulnerable students who are from disadvantaged backgrounds of low income, first-generation college status, or who are disabled. During and after the pandemic, it is these populations who have been most deeply affected by economic downturn. Disruptions in the labor market were more keenly felt by those without a college degree. While job recovery is ongoing, many families lost ground during the last few years. These are the families that TRIO serves.

It has become even more apparent that a post-secondary credential is an important determinant of economic health. TRIO assists individuals to improve their economic and social outlook through post-secondary education.

This academic year, 2022-2023, has been a year of adjusting to the new normal. For TRIO Educational Talent Search and TRIO Upward Bound programs this included getting back into schools full time, and using fewer virtual services, as well as doing in-person college trips. TRIO Student Support Services likewise returned to in-person services and college visits to assist in transfers from 2-year to 4-year programs.

However, TRIO programs also discovered they serve some students better with virtual tools. For instance, by providing virtual services to students in remote areas, the TRIO Maine Educational Opportunity Centers (MEOC) afforded better opportunities to students throughout the state. Other MEOC sites, such as in prisons, have found that remote video feeds are logistically easier and afford improved access and will be continuing those feeds for the foreseeable future. TRIO Student Support Services, TRIO Veterans Upward Bound, and other TRIO programs still offer the option of zoom meetings and online tutoring to students to allow students to engage services when they are off campus.

TRIO programs offer a truly hybrid model of services because the choice of in-person meetings and tutoring is essential to many students' success. TRIO programs continue to be uniquely embedded in our communities to provide the needed services effectively.

-Terry Charlton, MEEOA President



What is TRIO?

TRIO programs are federally funded programs college opportunity programs that encourage and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue a college education. First funded in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as part of his War on Poverty, what was initially three program types (hence the moniker TRIO) has since grown into a family of programs that nationwide assist more than 800,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities, from sixth grade through college graduation. TRIO programs offer academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentorship, financial guidance, and other services to aid students in educational access, retention, and completion.

Two-thirds of the students served by each program must come from homes with earnings of 150 percent or less of the federal poverty threshold, with neither parent having completed college, as stipulated by Congress. More than 1,000 colleges, universities, community colleges, and agencies now offer TRIO Programs in the U.S. and its territories. TRIO funds are distributed to institutions and agencies through competitive 5-year grants.

In Maine, there are currently 6 different types of programs, including Educational Opportunity Center, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, and Veteran's Upward Bound programs.

TRIO Alumni Myles O.

“If you could do anything with your life, what would you do?”



Myles is a truly TRIO success story. An alumni of four different TRIO programs, Myles is proof that not all successes happen overnight. Myles graduated Van Buren High School, where he participated in Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search. After high school, Myles enlisted in the Army where he was injured, and as a result of treatment became addicted to painkillers. In his own words, “At 19 years old, I had no idea that being prescribed pain medication would take control of my life. I became a different person.”

It was after Myles was in prison for the second time that he was able to get clean and get his life back in track. He was released from prison in 2015, and with help from MEOC he was able to enroll in the University of Maine Augusta. While at UMA, he participated in the Student Support Services program. In addition to his studies, Myles worked with Restorative Justice, mentoring youth and first-time offenders. Myles completed his bachelor's in Applied Science, with a minor in Addiction studies, and completed his MBA in Healthcare Management from Husson University in 2018.

Since graduation, Myles continued to focus his career on helping others, including starting a case management program at Knox County Prison, where he helped inmates with their transition back into society. He currently works as a Clinical Supervisor for an Outpatient Health Provider. He says, “I have achieved all of these things due to the fact that MEOC asked me the question that nobody had before, “If you could do anything with your life, what would you do?” They were there to not only help me navigate the intricacies of attending college, but to help me find my life's purpose. They empowered me to do better and to reach my full potential. I would not be alive if it were not for the dedicated staff of MEOC. I will forever be grateful.”

TRIO Projects in Maine

Program Location	# Students Served	\$ Award
Educational Opportunity Center		
University of Maine	2,269	\$782,801
Educational Talent Search		
University of Maine	1,111	\$616,328
University of Maine at Presque Isle	500	\$277,375
2 Educational Talent Search Projects	1,611	\$893,703
Student Support Services		
Central Maine Community College (2 separate projects)	295	\$596,999
Eastern Maine Community College	150	\$261,880
Kennebec Valley Community College	180	\$338,972
Northern Maine Community College	175	\$294,772
Southern Maine Community College (2 separate projects)	240	\$523,776
Thomas College	140	\$259,491
University of Maine	400	\$668,084
University of Maine at Augusta	340	\$544,741
University of Maine at Farmington	180	\$338,971
University of Maine at Fort Kent	165	\$343,051
University of Maine at Presque Isle	180	\$358,735
University of Southern Maine (2 separate projects)	260	\$523,776
Washington County Community College	160	\$291,262
16 Student Support Services Projects	2,865	\$5,344,468
Upward Bound		
Bowdoin College (two separate projects)	167	\$826,406
University of Maine	60	\$297,601
University of Maine at Farmington (2 separate projects)	158	\$718,355
University of Maine at Presque Isle (2 separate projects)	129	\$720,789
University of Southern Maine (2 separate projects)	127	\$655,173
9 Upward Bound Projects	641	\$3,218,324
Upward Bound Math-Science		
University of Maine	67	\$353,590
Veterans Upward Bound		
University of Southern Maine	125	\$297,601

30 Projects in Maine

**7,578
Participants
Funded to Serve**

**\$10,890,487
Total Federal
Funding**

Educational Opportunity Center

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) programs provide assistance and information to adults who seek to enter or re-enter a program of postsecondary education.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	2,269
Grant Award	\$718,553
Cost per Participant	\$345

National Funding

\$63,886,164 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	183
Total # of Students Served	218,953
Average Awards	\$349,105
Average # of Participants	1,196
Cost per Participant	\$292

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in Winter 2022.

In 2021:

- 412 Maine Educational Opportunity Center participants enrolled or re-enrolled in college.
- MEOC assisted 1,023 participants in applying for their FAFSA.

Services may include:

Academic advising, personal counseling, career workshops, college and financial aid application assistance, default loan rehabilitation, test preparation, and financial and economic literacy education.

Funding Cycle - The last EOC grant competition was held in 2020. At that time, the existing EOC program was refunded. The next EOC competition is anticipated in 2025.

Educational Talent Search

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 encourage participants to enroll in postsecondary education.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

\$893,703 was awarded in FY 2022

# of Awards	2
Total # of Participants	1,611
Average Grant Award	\$446,852
Average # of Participants	806
Average Cost per Participant	\$555

National Funding

\$190,714,400 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	552
Total # of Students Served	350,730
Average Awards	\$345,380
Average # of Participants	635
Cost per Participant	\$544

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in Winter 2022.

In 2021:

- 97% of ETS seniors graduated high school.
- 61% of ETS seniors enrolled in postsecondary education.
- 56% of seniors who enrolled in postsecondary education six years ago, have attained a postsecondary degree.

Services may include:

Academic, financial, and career counseling; exposure to college campuses; tutoring services; assistance in completing the college admissions process; and assisting with financial aid applications.

Funding Cycle

The most recent ETS grant competition was held in 2020. At that time, both existing ETS programs were refunded. The next ETS competition is anticipated in 2025.

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.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

\$5,344,468 was awarded in FY2022

# of Awards	16
# of Participants	2,865
Average Award	\$334,029
Average # of Participants	179
Cost per Participant	\$1,865

National Funding

\$367,195,716 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	1,162
Total # of Students Served	209,286
Average Awards	\$316,003
Average # of Participants	180
Cost per Participant	\$1,755

Funding Cycle

The last SSS grant competition was held in 2019. At the time, the 10 of the 11 SSS programs were refunded and three new program were awarded at Central Maine Community College, Southern Maine Community College, and University of Southern Maine. The next SSS competition is anticipated in 2023-2024.

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in Winter 2022.

In 2021, based on surveyed SSS programs:

- 82% of Maine Student Support Service Participants were in Academic Good Standing.
- 86% of Maine Student Support Service Participants graduated or persisted to the next year.

Services may include:

Intensive academic, financial, and personal counseling, tutoring services, and assistance completing college and financial aid applications.

Upward Bound

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.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

\$3,218,324 was awarded in FY2022

# of Awards	9
# of Participants	641
Average Award	\$357,592
Average # of Participants	71
Cost per Participant	\$5,020

National Funding

\$366,203,750 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	1,023
Total # of Students Served	73,994
Average Awards	\$357,970
Average # of Participants	72
Cost per Participant	\$4,949

Funding Cycle

The last UB competition was held in 2021. At that time, the existing nine Upward Bound programs were funded. The next UB competition is anticipated in 2026.

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in Winter 2022.

In 2021, based on surveyed UB programs:

- 97% of Maine Upward Bound high school seniors graduated from high school.
- 71% of graduating seniors enrolled in PSE the following fall.
- 53% of seniors who enrolled in postsecondary education six years ago, have attained a postsecondary degree

Services may include:

Academic year weekly services and a six-week summer program. Services include academic instruction in math, science, composition, literature and foreign language; tutoring and mentoring; academic, financial, and personal counseling; assistance completing college and financial aid applications; and career exploration.

Upward Bound Math-Science

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.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	67
Grant Award	\$353,590
Cost per Participant	\$5,277

National Funding

\$73,699,494 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	241
Total # of Students Served	14,963
Average Awards	\$305,807
Average # of Participants	62
Cost per Participant	\$4,925

Funding Cycle

The most recent Upward Bound Math-Science grant competition was held in 2021. At that time, the existing program was refunded. The next competition is anticipated in 2026.

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in 2022.

In 2021:

- 100% of seniors graduated high school.
- 73% of graduating seniors enrolled in PSE.

Services may include:

Summer programs consist of intensive math and science training, year-round counseling and advising, computer training, exposure to university faculty who perform research in math and science, and scientific research conducted under the guidance of a faculty or graduate student mentor. UBMS services include tutoring and mentoring; academic, financial, and personal counseling; assistance completing college and financial aid applications, and career exploration.

Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans Upward Bound works with veterans who are looking to refresh academic skills and build the confidence needed to successfully enroll in the school or program of their choice.

Funding

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	125
Grant Award	\$297,601
Cost per Participant	\$2,381

National Funding

\$20,557,756 was awarded in FY 2022

Number of Awards	65
Total # of Students Served	8,598
Average Awards	\$316,273
Average # of Participants	132
Cost per Participant	\$2,391

Funding Cycle

The most recent Veterans Upward Bound grant competition was held in 2021. At that time, the existing program was refunded. The next competition is anticipated in 2026.

Performance

Performance Outcomes

Based on data from the most recently filed Annual Performance Report, filed in 2022.

In 2021:

- 100% of students completing the program enrolled in PSE the following year.
- 94% of students who enrolled in PSE in 2020, continued in PSE for the next year.

Services may include:

Connection to qualifying veterans benefits; academic, financial, and personal counseling; tutoring services; refresher classes for subjects required in college; assistance completing college and financial aid applications; and basic skills development for GED completion.

Maine Educational Opportunity Association

Member Programs

Bowdoin College

Upward Bound

Project Director: Bridget Mullen, bmullen@bowdoin.edu
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Central Maine Community College

Student Support Services

Project Director: Terry Charlton, tcharlton@cmcc.edu
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Eastern Maine Community College

Student Support Services

Project Director: Michael Schwabenbauer
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Kennebec Valley Community College

Student Support Services

Project Director: Lisa Black, lblack@kvcc.me.edu
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Northern Maine Community College

Student Support Services

Project Director: Tammy Nelson, tnelson@nmcc.edu
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Southern Maine Community College

Student Support Services

Project Director: Katharine Lualdi, klualdi@smccme.edu
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Thomas College

Student Support Services

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University of Maine

Educational Opportunity Center

Educational Talent Search

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Student Support Services

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Upward Bound

Upward Bound Regional Math-Science
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University of Maine Augusta

Student Support Services

Cornerstone Program

Project Director: Elizabeth McCue-Herlihy,
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University of Maine Farmington

Student Support Services

Upward Bound

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<https://umf.maine.edu/upwardbound/>

University of Maine Fort Kent

Student Support Services

Project Director: Vacant

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University of Maine Presque Isle

Student Support Services

Project Director: Mary Kate Barbosa,
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Talent Search

Upward Bound

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University of Southern Maine

Student Support Services

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Upward Bound

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Washington County Community College

Student Support Services

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