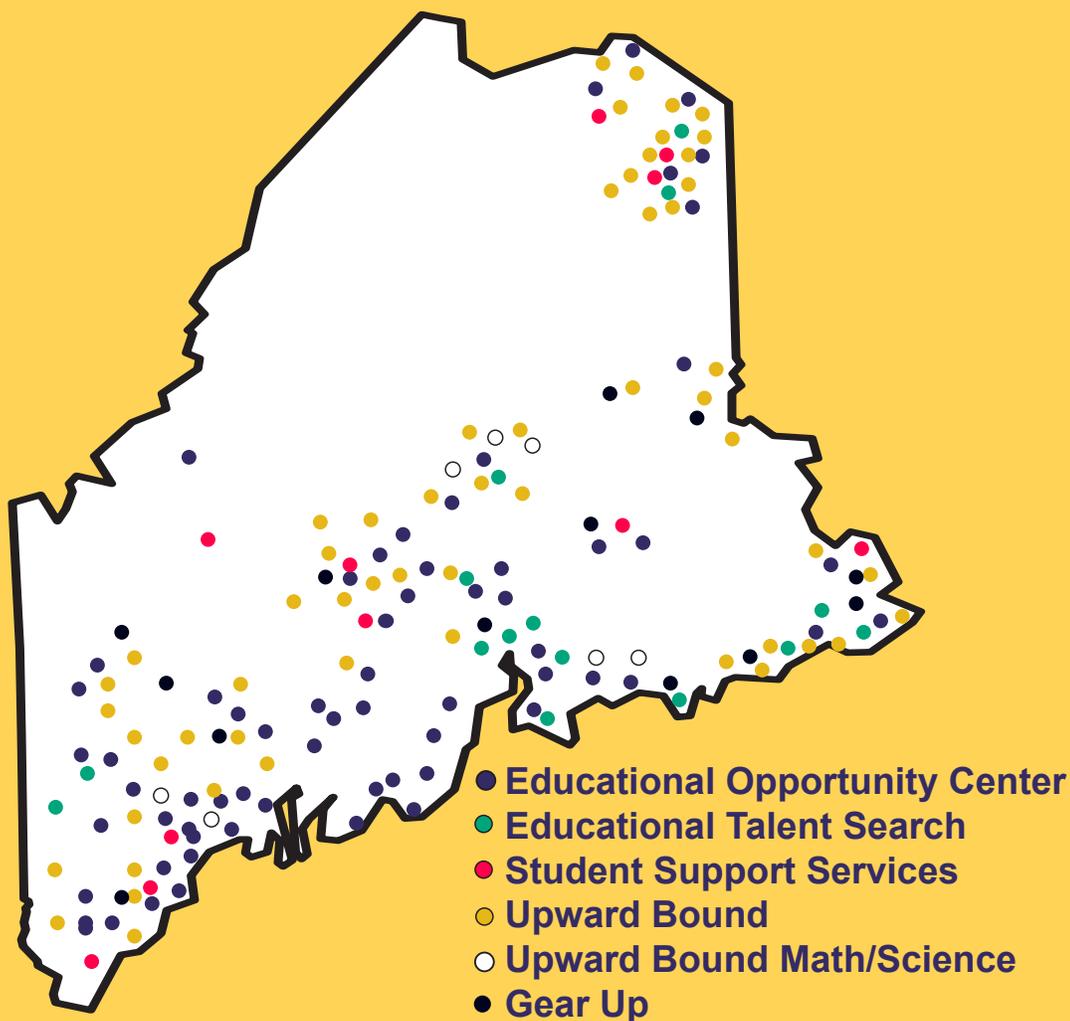


TRiO in Maine

YEARBOOK 2010-2011

*Providing College Access Services
to over 7,000 Maine Adults and Youth*



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FEDERAL TRiO PROGRAMS

There are six Federal TRiO Programs serving underrepresented students nationwide:

Educational Opportunity Centers
Educational Talent Search
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement
Student Support Services
Training Program for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel
Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound

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.

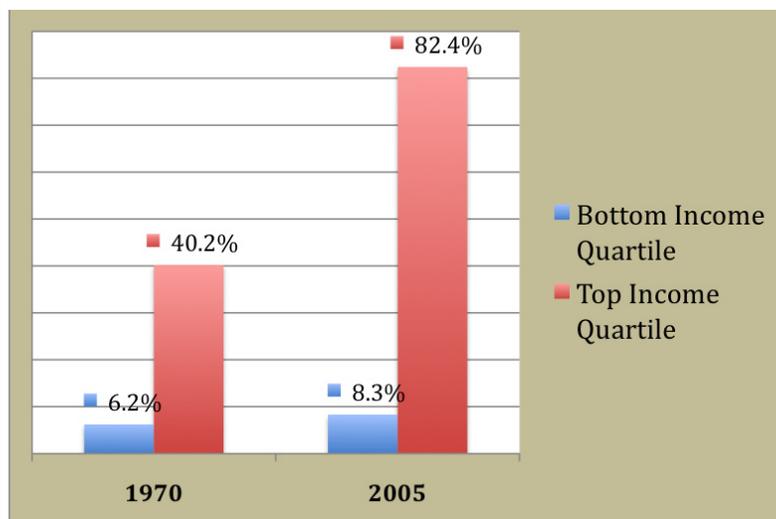
Purpose

The primary purpose of TRiO programs is to prepare under-served 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.

Bachelor's Degree Attainment in U.S. by Age 24 by Family Income



Source: “Postsecondary Education Opportunity”, 2010, Number 221

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

TRiO IN MAINE

“When considering the population 25 years old or older with a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2006-08, Maine was at 25.9 %, that is 1.5 % lower than the national average.”

(Maine Education Policy Research Institute, “The Condition of K-12 Public Education in Maine, 2011”)

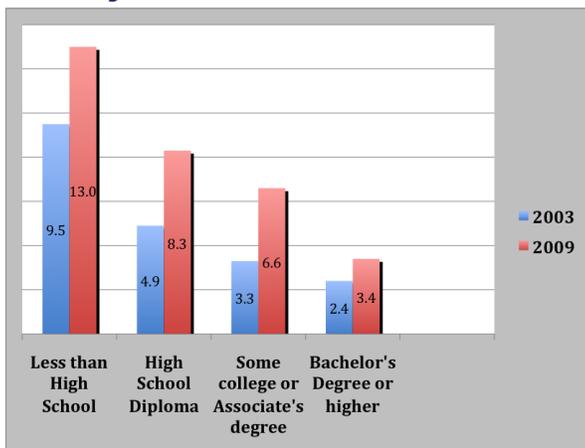
More than 73% of individuals aged 25 or over in Maine lack a bachelor’s degree.

(US Census Bureau, 2010)

Over 43% or 82,372 Maine youth qualified for free or reduced lunch in 2010.

(Maine Department of Education, 2010)

Maine Adult Unemployment Rate by Education Attainment



Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010

Only 4.8% of adults aged 25 or older with a high school credential are enrolled in Maine’s universities or community colleges.

(US Census, American Community Survey, 2004 & ME State Adult Education Report, 2010)

Just 23% of Maine 9th graders in 2004-2005 will graduate from high school on time and go on to complete a bachelor’s within 150% of program time.

(National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2010)

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.

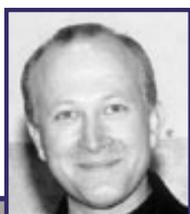
Maine’s TRiO programs work with students across the state to prepare them for joining the Maine workforce. Youth programs include the Educational Talent Search (grades 6-12) and Upward Bound (grades 9-12). Adult programs include the Educational Opportunity Center (adults aged 19 and over) and Student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

MAINE'S TRIO PROGRAMS

TRIO Program:	Participant Eligibility	Applicant / Funding Process
Educational Opportunity Center	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.	Competitions every four years. Second through fourth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed Feb., 2006. The next competition is expected to be held in early 2011.
Educational Talent Search	Serves students in selected target area between the ages of 11 and 27 who have completed at least five years of elementary education.	Competitions held every four years. Second through fourth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed in late 2010 with awards to be made in Summer 2011.
Student Support Services	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 .	Competitions held every five years. Second through fifth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The last competition was held in 2010. A competition is currently underway.
Upward Bound	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.	Competitions are held every four years. Second through fourth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed in Fall 2006. The next competition expected to be held in Fall 2011.
Upward Bound Math/Science	Serves students between 13 and 19 who have completed 9th grade, 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.	Competitions are held every four years. Second through fourth year funding is based on approval of a non-competing continuation application. The most recent competition was completed in Fall 2006. The next competition expected to be held in Fall 2011.
GEAR-UP	Serves students from participating schools who are enrolled in 7th grade. Schools are eligible to participate in GEAR UP if the building in which the 7th grade resides meets the federal criteria of 50% free and reduced lunch eligible.	The next opportunity Maine will have to apply for a state grant will be 2011.



MAINE'S TRiO PROGRAMS

Program Location	# Students Served	\$ Award
Educational Opportunity Center		
University of Maine	<u>2,250</u>	<u>\$680,609</u>
Educational Talent Search		
University of Maine	<u>850</u>	<u>\$510,255</u>
Student Support Services		
Central Maine Community College	175	\$290,517
Kennebec Valley Community College	180	\$293,864
Northern Maine Community College	175	\$255,504
University of Maine	400	\$579,180
University of Maine at Augusta	360	\$500,188
University of Maine at Farmington	180	\$285,304
University of Maine at Fort Kent	160	\$293,863
University of Maine at Presque Isle	180	\$310,996
University of Southern Maine	140	\$219,999
Washington County Community College	160	\$252,505
York County Community College	175	\$238,496
11 Student Support Services Projects	<u>2,285</u>	<u>\$3,520,416</u>
Upward Bound		
Bowdoin College	100	\$423,070
University of Maine	110	\$571,000
University of Maine at Farmington	67	\$353,456
University of Maine at Presque Isle (2 separate projects)	119	\$605,789
University of Southern Maine (2 separate projects)	<u>106</u>	<u>\$537,880</u>
7 Upward Bound Projects	502	\$2,491,195
Upward Bound Math/Science		
University of Maine	<u>58</u>	<u>\$297,034</u>
21 TRiO Projects in Maine	5,945 Participants Funded to Serve	\$7,511,605 Total Federal TRiO Funding

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The Educational Opportunity Center Program provides assistance and information to adults who seek to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education.

In 2010:

- **1073 Maine Educational Opportunity Center participants enrolled in college.**
- **100% (1,976) of new Maine Educational Opportunity Center participants developed career and educational plans.**

Since 1991 the Maine Educational Opportunity Center

- **Placed more than 12,000 adults in college.**
- **Assisted more than 36,450 Maine adults in exploring college and career options.**

National Funding

\$46.72 Million was awarded in FY 2010

Number of Awards	124
Total # of Students Served	194,445
Average Awards	\$376,807
Average # of Participants	1,568
Cost per Participant	\$240

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	2,250
Grant Award	\$680,609
Cost per Participant	\$302

Maine Educational Opportunity Center

- Provides one-on-one and group support, and guidance to low income adults who will be the first in their families to attend college.
- Is funded entirely by the United States Dept. of Education and sponsored by the University of Maine's College of Education and Human Development.
- Provides access to postsecondary education to a minimum of 2,250 adults per year.

Maine Educational Opportunity Center Mission

- Increase the awareness of postsecondary educational opportunities available to Maine's low-income, first-generation adults who desire to pursue higher education.
- Assist 2,250 of these eligible adults in successfully matching career goals to education plans with the goal of ultimately earning a college degree.

Services Provided

- Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- Career exploration and aptitude assessments
- Help with the re-entry process to high school or college
- Information on postsecondary educational opportunities
- Information on student financial assistance
- Rehabilitation of defaulted loan counseling
- Assistance in completing college admissions testing, college admissions applications, and financial aid applications
- Coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions
- Activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities

Carola



In 2002, I came to the US for personal reasons. I visited the University of Maryland to apply to study in my career & give myself & my 3 children a better way of life. Unfortunately, my language limitations thwarted my ambitions. I just kept working at McDonalds & cleaning houses.

"Now that I have my degree, I make a greater impact on my children as a role model. It has changed our income for the better & allows me to give back to the community while working at the hospital."

In July 2006, my family moved to Presque Isle & I met Teri Morse from TRiO. That was the starting point.

I understood more English & was able to translate my classes. According to the teachers & Teri, I was ready for college but I did not feel that way at the time. Fortunately, they pushed me because they believed in me. Now I have my degree as an MLT & a very nice job at a hospital.

The EOC program is very important. They made sure all my required paperwork was done properly including FAFSA, University forms, & fee waivers. TRiO also helped my husband get started at UMPI.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program identifies “at-risk” young people who have the desire and the potential for success in postsecondary education. ETS encourages participants to continue and graduate from secondary schools or to return to high school if they have dropped out. The goal of ETS is to successfully encourage participants to enroll in some form of postsecondary education.

In 2010:

- **89% of Maine Educational Talent Search seniors enrolled in postsecondary education.**
- **94% of Maine Educational Talent Search students continued to their second year of postsecondary education.**
- **Maine Educational Talent has assisted more than 9,600 Maine youth since 1977.**

National Funding

\$141.64 Million was awarded in FY 2010

Number of Awards	463
Total # of Students Served	359,740
Average Awards	\$305,932
Average # of Participants	777
Cost per Participant	\$394

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	850
Grant Award	\$510,255
Average Cost per Participant	\$600

Maine Educational Talent Search

- is the ONLY early intervention federal TRIO Program in Maine.
- serves students in grades 6 through 12.
- has 30 years of successful experience in helping Maine students aspire to, prepare for, and enroll in college.
- currently serves 850 students in Maine – in 18 needy schools.
- is funded entirely by United States Dept. of Education and sponsored by the University of Maine’s College of Education and Human Development.

Maine Educational Talent Search Mission

- Increase the awareness of postsecondary educational opportunities available to Maine’s low-income, first-generation youth (grades 6-12) that desire to pursue a postsecondary education.
- Assist eligible youth in successfully completing their secondary education and preparing for successful entry into postsecondary educational programs, with the goal of ultimately earning a college degree.

Services Provided

- Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- Career exploration and aptitude assessments
- Help with the re-entry process to high school or college
- Information about postsecondary education
- Personal development workshops in areas such as test taking and study skills
- Assistance in completing college admissions testing, college admissions applications, and financial aid applications
- Personal growth activities focused on 6th – 8th graders
- Tutoring sessions for students with academic need
- Promoting parental involvement

Lauren



Prior to the TRIO program, my family and I were unsure of the entire college process. METS helped me in terms of career interests and preparation and knowledge of SAT’s, applications and financial aid. I was much more informed, academically and financially, in terms of my college options.

“My athletic and academic experiences helped to form the driven, hard working person I am today, and that all began with the METS TRIO program helping me to believe it was possible.”

I attended UMASS Amherst on a division I field hockey scholarship, garnering national accolades as an athlete and scholar. In May 2009 I received a BS in Animal Behavior, a major I designed myself.

I have recently applied to doctoral programs to study hormones and behavior in birds and the way it is affected by man-made chemicals in the environment. My goal is to positively contribute to endangered species conservation by becoming a capable research scientist and educator.

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.

In 2010:

- **80% of Maine's SSS's participants continued their college enrollment from one academic year to the next.**
- **90% of Maine's SSS participants maintained good academic standing at their college**
- **58% of Maine's SSS participants graduated with a college degree**

National Funding

\$302.51 Million was awarded in FY 2010

Number of Awards	1034
Total # of Students Served	204,096
Average Awards	\$292,568
Average # of Participants	197
Cost per Participant	\$1,482

Current Funding for Maine

\$3,520,416 was awarded in PY 2010-2011

# of Awards	11
Average # of Participants	208
Average Cost per Participant	\$1,541

Maine Student Support Services Programs

- Assist 2,285 eligible students to succeed in and complete postsecondary education
- Bring \$3.5 million in federal funds to eleven Maine colleges
- Spend an average of \$1,541 per participant

Student Support Services Mission

Student Support Services programs provide supportive services to Maine's low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities to enhance their potential for successfully completing the College or University program in which they are enrolled and facilitate their transition to the next level of higher education.

Services Provided

- Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school
- Tutorial services
- Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- Exposure to cultural events
- Assistance in obtaining student financial aid
- Assistance in securing admission and financial assistance for enrollment in four-year institutions (function of SSS at two-year institutions)
- Assistance in securing admission and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate and professional programs (function of SSS at four-year institutions)

Joline



I did not attend college after high school because it was not that important in my family. We were working class with no formal education. My husband was the one who, after years of convincing, encouraged me to attend.

"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."

My college journey began at Central Maine Community College in 2005. I was scared to death. The TRiO/SSS program and staff offered the support I needed. It was a great place to meet other individuals my age who were also first-generation. I graduated with Honors in 2008 and went on to USM, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences. I am now pursuing a Masters in Adult & Higher Education and work as a graduate assistant in the Professional Education Leadership Department at USM.

My journey still continues and it has been with the help of many good people.

UPWARD BOUND

The Upward Bound Program generates skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school. Participants are students who are currently enrolled high school, low income and/or potential first generation and willing to prepare themselves for entry into postsecondary education.

In 2010:

- **Maine Upward Bound programs served 510 eligible students.**
- **86% of Maine Upward Bound students enrolled in post-secondary education.**
- **83% of Maine Upward Bound students achieved a C+ or greater grade point average.**
- **Since 1999, 65% of Maine Upward Bound students have graduated from college or are currently enrolled.**

National Funding

\$313.94 Million was awarded in FY 2010

Number of Awards	953
Total # of Students Served	64,391
Average Awards	\$329,429
Average # of Participants	68
Cost per Participant	\$4,876

Current Funding for Maine

\$2,491,195 was awarded in PY 2010-2011

# of Awards	7
Average Awards	\$355,885
Average # of Participants	72
Average Cost per Participant	\$4,963

Cara



I don't remember making the decision to go to college – it was always there. What was not there, and what worried me most was how to pay for college. As the first child of a homemaker and a factory worker, questions of how to apply, where to apply, and what was available surfaced later.

“I am proud to be the first person in my family to graduate from college.”

The college trip that I took to Smith as a rising senior opened my eyes to a world that I really did not know was possible. Upward Bound taught me how to complete and submit my applications, brought me to interviews, helped my mother fill out my financial aid forms.

Currently, I am a Communications Coordinator at a statewide sexual assault support advocacy program.

I am proud that I have not forgotten where I came from & that my experiences up until this point inform the work I choose to do today. It is safe to say that if not for going to college, my life would be drastically different.

Maine Upward Bound Programs

- Provide intensive one-on-one support, academic challenge and guidance to low-income and first generation students.
- Offer early residential college experiences through six-week summer programs on college campuses.
- Have 45 years of successful experience in helping Maine students aspire to, prepare for, and access higher education.
- Serving over 500 students in Maine – in 53 needy schools.
- Sponsored by the University of Maine, Bowdoin College, University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of Maine at Farmington, and University of Southern Maine.

Upward Bound Mission

- Generate in high school students the skills and motivation necessary for success in college.
- Assist eligible students in completing secondary education and succeeding in and graduating from college.

Services Provided

- Instruction in math through pre-calculus, laboratory science, foreign language, composition, literature, and subjects necessary for success.
- Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- Exposure to cultural events and tutorial services
- Information on postsecondary opportunities & student financial aid
- Assistance in completing college admissions testing, college admissions applications, and financial aid applications
- Exposure to the range of career options where the disadvantaged person might be under-represented
- Mentoring programs

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 the math and science fields.

In 2010:

- **Maine Upward Bound Math/Science served 60 eligible students.**
- **73% of Maine Upward Bound Math/Science students achieved a C+ or greater grade point average.**
- **Since 1999, 83% of all Maine Upward Bound Math/Science students have graduated from college or are currently enrolled.**

National Funding

\$34.87 Million was awarded in FY 2010

Number of Awards	131
Total # of Students Served	6,992
Average Awards	\$266,207
Average # of Participants	53
Cost per Participant	\$4,988

Current Funding for Maine

# of Awards	1
# of Participants	58
Grant Award	\$297,034
Cost per Participant	\$5,121

Upward Bound Math/Science

- Provides intensive one-on-one support, academic challenge and guidance to low-income, first generation students in high school.
- Offers residential college experiences through a summer program.
- Has 15 years of successful experience in helping New England students aspire to, prepare for, and access higher education in areas of math, science, technology and engineering.
- Currently serves 58 students in nine target schools in Maine and Massachusetts.

Upward Bound Math/Science Mission

- Generate the skills and motivation necessary for low-income high school students to succeed in college in the areas of math, science, technology and engineering.
- Assist eligible students to complete secondary education and to succeed in and graduate from college in careers in areas of math, science, technology and engineering.

Services Provided

- Six-week intensive math, computer and science program during the summer
- Academic, financial, or personal counseling
- Exposure to experts performing research in math and science
- Tutorial services
- Core curriculum instruction including math through pre-calculus, laboratory science, foreign language, composition, and literature
- Intensive instruction in math and science, including hands-on laboratories, in computer facilities, and at field sites.

Ismail



I was born in Somalia and immigrated to the US with my family in 2001. With limited English I faced linguistic, academic and cultural difficulties that hindered my chances to continue my education beyond high school.

“Without a college education, I am not sure where I would be today.”

I attended the Upward Bound Program at the University of Maine. In retrospect, I look at my TRiO experience as having boosted my cultural capital. It is also fair to say that, besides my family, Upward Bound was the single most important influence leading me towards higher education.

I have decided to give back and become an educator myself. To that end, in different capacities, I have worked two summers with Upward Bound at the University of Maine. Currently, I am a faculty member at Oregon State University, where I advise international students and teach first-year students.

Without a college education, I am not sure where I would be today.

GEAR UP

GEAR UP Programs support students who are economically disadvantaged in preparing for, accessing, and succeeding in postsecondary education.

Maine has two GEAR Up Programs:

- **Partnerships for Success** is a program of the University of Maine at Farmington that provides college access and readiness to young people in three school districts located in West Central Maine. They are currently partnered with Maine School Administrative Districts (MSAD) 21 and 43 and the Jay School System, through a Department of Education GEAR UP partnerships grant and at the Dirigo High School through the generosity of the Nellie Mae Educational Foundation.
- **The Maine Department of Education's State GEAR UP Program** is administered by staff at the Maine Support Network. The Maine Support Network, in collaboration with Maine Parent Federation, provides support to GEAR UP school administration, staff, and the districts' GEAR UP Liaisons through a coordinated, individualized technical assistance model. In addition, the Maine Support Network has engaged an AmeriCorps*VISTA member to support the program.

Participant Eligibility

GEAR UP eligible students from participating schools are enrolled in 7th grade. Schools are eligible to participate in GEAR UP if the building in which the 7th grade resides meets the federal criteria of 50% free and reduced lunch eligible.

National Funding

\$323.21 Million was awarded in FY 2010

	State	Partnership
Number of Awards	42	167
Average Awards	\$2.98 million	\$1.17 million
Average # of Participants	10,524	1832
Cost per Participant	\$284	\$641

Brielle

I am proud to say that I will graduate this May from the University of Maine with a primary major in Communication and a double major in Child Development and Family Relations.



"I would not have been able to complete my goals without Gear Up being present in my life and supporting me every step of the way."

With the help of Dori Fellman, and other members of Gear Up at the University of Maine Farmington, I was able to obtain the information and the guidance needed to get into college. The program provided valuable support and encouragement to succeed.

College has provided me with so many opportunities that I am completely grateful for. I've met incredible people along the way. Graduating in May is a huge accomplishment for me because I'm not only completing my degree on time, but I will also be the first to graduate in my family. This is not only an accomplishment for me but for my family as well.

GEAR UP Maine schools are working to ensure:

- All 8th grade students develop proficient algebraic skills.
- All high school students take college courses.
- All students have individual learning plans.
- All seniors complete their FAFSA before March 1.
- All parents are actively involved in their child's education.
- All seniors complete at least one application to attend a post-secondary school.
- All schools increase the number of rigorous courses, including AP and college courses.
- All schools promote high aspirations for all students by facilitating student engagement and achievement in a supportive learning environment.

Objectives

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education of participating students.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education of participating students.
3. Increase educational expectations for participating students and student family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.
4. To integrate the GEAR UP program into Maine's existing educational infrastructure.
5. Anchor the use of Maine's Learning Technology Initiative and distance learning networks into the GEAR UP program strategies and activities.

TRiO WORKS IN MAINE

Educational Opportunity Centers

Serves displaced or underemployed workers from a central office on the UMaine campus. Over 650 MEOC participants enrolled in college last year.

University of Maine 1-800-281-3703

Educational Talent Search

Provides preparation and assistance for students in grade six through twelve from a central office on the UMaine campus. Eighty-nine percent of ETS graduating seniors enroll in college.

University of Maine 1-800-540-0493

Student Support Services

Helps students stay in college until they earn their bachelor's degree. Participants receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction. Students in a SSS programs are more than twice as likely to remain in college as students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRiO.

Central Maine Community College	207 - 755 - 5206
Kennebec Valley Community College	207 - 453 - 5019
Northern Maine Community College	207 - 768 - 2808
Washington County Community College	207 - 454 - 1039
University of Maine	207 - 581 - 2320
University of Maine Augusta	207 - 621 - 3157
University of Maine Farmington	207 - 778 - 7295
University of Maine Fort Kent	207 - 834 - 7532
University of Maine Presque Isle	207 - 768 - 9525
University of Southern Maine	207 - 780 - 5282
York County Community College	207 - 646 - 9282

Upward Bound

Provides in-school services and a summer residential program, preparing high school students for entrance and success in college. UB students are four times more likely to earn a college degree than students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in a TRiO program.

Bowdoin College	877 - 879 - 2731
University of Maine (Regular and Math/Science)	800 - 581 - 2522
University of Maine Farmington	207 - 778 - 7297
University of Maine Presque Isle	800 - 734 - 3636
University of Southern Maine	800 - 800 - 4876

GEAR UP

Provides preparation and assistance for students in grades seven through twelve.

Partnerships for Success	207 - 778 - 7080
Maine State GEAR-UP	866 - 291 - 0004

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