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TRIO AT WORK!

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Missouri TRIO

\$23,007,416

Annual Funding

67

Programs

20,479

Participants



What is TRIO?

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students in their pursuit of a college degree. These programs serve low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities, ranging from middle school to adult learners.

TRIO programs serve over 870,000 students nationwide across over 3,500 grants. Programs provide academic advising, tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other support necessary for educational access and retention.

Representative/ Congressional District	# of Programs	# of Participants	Annual Federal Dollars Received
Wesley Bell - 1	16	8,085	\$6,104,311
Ann Wagner - 2	2	300	\$544,728
Bob Onder - 3	3	859	\$1,382,316
Mark Alford - 4	7	750	\$1,973,765
Emmanual Cleaver II - 5	5	2,771	\$1,796,909
Sam Graves - 6	8	1,164	\$2,920,494
Eric Burlison - 7	17	3,765	\$5,081,199
Jason Smith - 8	9	2,785	\$3,204,594

TRIO PROGRAMS

Upward Bound

Upward Bound (UB) is an intensive intervention program that prepares students for higher education through various enrichment courses. These campus-based programs provide students with instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, science, and foreign language during the school year and summer. UB also provides intensive mentoring and support for students as they prepare for college entrance exams and tackle admission applications, financial aid, and scholarship forms.



Trust. Respect. Integrity. Opportunity.

Established in 1964

Student Support Services

Student Support Services programs help low-income and first-generation students, as well as students with disabilities, to successfully begin and stay in college. Participants receive tutoring, counseling, and remedial instruction in order to achieve their goals of college completion.

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Established in 1965

Educational Opportunity Centers

Educational Opportunity Centers target displaced or underemployed workers from low-income families. These centers help students achieve their high school equivalency and/or pursue postsecondary education options, guiding them through the often confusing admissions and financial aid process.

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EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

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TRIO PROGRAMS



Talent Search

Talent Search (TS) identifies disadvantaged young people in grades 6 - 12 who have the desire and potential for success in postsecondary education. Students receive information about college admissions, scholarships, and various student financial programs.

Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans UB provides a unique service to veterans returning to college, aiding them in the transition process through intensive basic skills development and short-term remedial courses. Additionally, participants receive assistance in navigating the services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans associations, and other organizations that aid veterans.



Ronald E. McNair

Postbaccalaureate Achievement

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achieve Program provides opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate levels for research or other scholarly activities at the institution or at graduate centers designed to provide students with effective preparation for doctoral study.



Established in 1986

Upward Bound Math/Science

Using a model similar to the classic UB program, UB Math/Science aims to strengthen academic preparedness in math, science, and technology. The program assists students with rigorous math and science curriculum in high school to encourage and enable them to major in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines in college.



Established in 1990

Missouri

TRIO Programs

Program	Number of Programs	Number of Participants	Federal Dollars Received Annually
Educational Opportunity Center	3	7,867	\$2,076,210
Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement	4	114	\$1,200,841
Student Support Services	24	4,403	\$7,657,890
Educational Talent Search	11	6,553	\$3,775,171
Upward Bound	21	1,321	\$6,975,115
Upward Bound Math/Science	4	221	\$1,322,189

District One

Xavier and Judius Bell

TRIO participants at Higher Educational Consortium of Metropolitan/St. Louis

Judius Bell: TRIO has been vital to my growth as a first-generation college student, providing resources and support that helped me succeed. Through workshops and a welcoming environment, I gained skills and confidence in college. I hope TRIO continues expanding opportunities for students.

Xavier Bell: Being in TRIO for four years has been both enriching and enjoyable. It gave me my first travel experience and introduced me to a new language. More than a program, TRIO feels like a supportive family where everyone belongs.



District One by the numbers

16 Programs

\$6,104,311 Funding

8,085 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Harris Stowe University
- Higher Education Consortium of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Saint Louis University
- St. Louis Community College - Forest Park
- St. Louis Community College - Floissant Valley
- University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Washington University

District Two

East Central College - New SSS grant program!

East Central College has been awarded a federal TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant to strengthen academic and personal support for students who face barriers to completing college.

Through the grant, ECC will provide services that help students stay enrolled, make academic progress, and reach their long-term goals.

These services include individualized advising, tutoring, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and scholarship assistance, transfer planning, career exploration, financial literacy workshops, and activities that build confidence and connection on campus.

"TRIO is a proven program that improves outcomes for students who may face barriers to completing a college degree," said ECC President Dr. Jon Bauer. "This grant allows us to strengthen the support we provide to those students, and it reflects our continued commitment to access and student success."

Distict Two by the numbers

2 Programs

\$544,728 Funding

300 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- East Central College
- St. Louis Community College - Meramec

*The Higher Education Consortium of Metropolitan St. Louis has an Educational Opportunity Center grant which also serves students in this district.

District Three

Adam Lappe

Former SSS participant and McNair Scholar at University of Missouri

I think the most important impact (McNair) had on me was how proud it made me and the confidence it helped me find. I got that certificate of achievement for completing the program and I realized that no one in my family had ever gotten anything like this. Not a diploma, not a certificate of anything. I had something to show for the hard work I put into academics.

Overall, McNair has easily had more of an impact on me than just about anything else I can think of. It has set me on a track where I can do things no one else in my family has ever done and has helped me become a person that can help other people in the same situation.

(Adam is now a PhD candidate at the University of Iowa studying international conflict and international border securitization.)



District Three by the numbers

3 Programs

\$1,382,316 Funding

859 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Jefferson College
- University of Missouri

District Four

Jennifer Newman Baker

Crowder College Nevada Upward Bound Math/Science Alumni

Upward Bound helped me work through a lot of doubts I had about college. I wasn't sure how I would pay for it, whether I could handle the academics, or what the path even looked like. UB gave me the guidance, resources, and support to understand those challenges and move toward college with confidence instead of uncertainty.

I was extremely grateful to win the Dell Scholarship, a national \$20,000 that I could not have won without attending a 4-year college readiness program.

(Jennifer attended Missouri State University where she earned a BS in Management. She is now the HR Coordinator at Central Bank of the Midwest in Lee's Summit, Missouri.)



District Four by the numbers

7 Programs

\$1,973,765 Funding

750 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Columbia College
- Crowder College - Nevada
- State Fair Community College
- University of Central Missouri

District Five

Ollie Coleman

Former Avila Upward Bound and SSS participant; current Avila TRIO Staff

As a first-generation college student, I credit Avila University's Upward Bound and TRIO Student Support Services with building my confidence, easing my transition into college, and strengthening my sense of belonging. The programs provided mentorship, community, and enrichment opportunities that supported me through academic and personal challenges. Their support helped me earn prestigious scholarships, graduate with honors and without debt, and receive multiple academic awards. Coming full circle, I am now an Upward Bound Academic Advisor and Recruitment Coordinator, and plan to pursue a graduate degree so that I can continue to empower students as a future director of student success.



Distict Five by the numbers

5 Programs

\$1,796,909 Funding

2,771 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Avila University
- LULAC National Educational Services Center
- Metropolitan Community College

District Six

John Stuart II

North Central Missouri College Student Support Services Alumni

In 2015, John Stuart II faced yet another arrest for drug possession, but this time, it was different. He found himself incarcerated alongside his oldest son, realizing his addiction had impacted the next generation. John's journey began at 15, and by 39, he had spent years in the cycle of addiction, arrest, treatment, and relapse. But this time, he broke free. After graduating from a drug court program, John embraced sobriety and found the courage to enroll at North Central Missouri College. With the support of Student Support Services, John navigated college life, overcoming challenges and rediscovering his sense of self-worth.

The resources and encouragement he received gave him the strength to push through, knowing he was no longer seen as an addict or criminal, but as someone worthy of an education. After earning his AA, John went on to graduate with a BSW from Missouri Western State University in 2022. He then earned his MSW from UMKC. Today, he is a licensed social worker, working to give back to his community.



Distict Six by the numbers

8 Programs

\$2,920,494 Funding

1,164 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- North Central Missouri College
- Northwest Missouri State
- Truman State University

District Seven

Wyatt Dunbar

Crowder College Upward Bound Alumni

My name is Wyatt, and I am currently pursuing my Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. As a former participant of the Upward Bound TRIO program during high school, I believe this program was invaluable to my recent academic successes at the undergraduate and graduate level. Being a first generation student, my access to mentorship and resources from Upward Bound guided my intuition, leadership, devotion, and essential life skills to pursue my dreams of being a medical professional. I am very grateful for the enhanced opportunities and support provided by the program at such a pivotal time of my life.



District Seven by the numbers

17 Programs

\$5,081,199 Funding

3,765 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Crowder College
- Crowder College - Cassville
- Crowder College - Webb City
- Drury University
- Missouri Southern State University
- Missouri State University

District Eight

Dieudonné Mfaume

SSS participant and McNair Scholar at Southeast Missouri State University

My name is Dieudonné Mfaume, and I am a senior at Southeast Missouri State University majoring in Professional Studies with a minor in Exercise Science. I joined TRIO/Student Support Services to gain support throughout my college journey, and it has played a significant role in shaping my experience.

Through TRIO/Student Support Services, I traveled to San Antonio and Cincinnati, where I learned about the culture and history of those cities and participated in college visits that helped me explore options for my master's degree. I also joined the TRIO/McNair Scholars Program, conducted and presented my own research in Kansas City, Missouri, and traveled to Seattle to attend presentations and visit the University of Washington. These were truly unforgettable experiences that broadened my perspective and introduced me to opportunities I may never have otherwise experienced. TRIO Programs have helped me step outside my comfort zone, build lasting connections, and navigate some of the toughest moments in college. I am deeply grateful for the guidance, resources, and encouragement TRIO has provided. As I prepare to graduate at the end of this semester, I will always be a TRIO advocate and a proud alum of Southeast Missouri State University.



District Eight by the numbers

9 Programs

\$3,204,594 Funding

2,785 Students Served

Institutions with TRIO grants

- Mineral Area College
- Southeast Missouri State
- Three Rivers College



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