

# WHY TRiO PROGRAMS ARE EFFECTIVE

1. **One-on-One** - *Student/counselor ratio is low; TRiO counselors are personally committed to their students' success.*
2. **Performance-Based** - *Programs operate against specific measurable outcome objectives as defined in each approved grant proposal, and must annually meet these objectives in order to remain funded.*
3. **Focused on Early Intervention** – *Upward Bound and Talent Search effectively reach students in grades 6-12, keeping promising students in school and focused on college and career success.*
4. **Targets First Generation & Low Income Students** - *2/3 of TRiO students come from a low- income background where neither parent has earned a 4-year college degree. These parents may not understand the post-secondary process or value a college education.*
5. **Built on Relationships** – *TRiO staff build lasting personal and professional relationships with their students, serving as role models and providing a climate of support to assist them as they move out of poverty and dependence into a life of successful and responsible citizenship.*
6. **Committed to Tough Cases** - *A single parent raising several children; an older child helping to raise younger siblings; a physically disabled person with few resources; a struggling high school student trying to escape a life of poverty; these are the faces of TRiO!*
7. **Consistent and Accessible** – *TRiO staff are regularly available to students throughout the year in schools, on college campuses, out in the community, and in students' homes.*
8. **Comprehensive and Cultural** – *Services include academic enrichment, tutorial support, academic advising, personal counseling, help with college and financial aid applications, and exposure to cultural events.*
9. **“The Voice of Experience”** - *Many of the staff who serve TRiO students have overcome class, academic, social, and cultural barriers to succeed in higher education themselves; they have truly “been there!”*
10. **TRiO “looks” like America** –
  - 37% White
  - 35% African American
  - 19% Hispanic
  - 4% Native American
  - 4% Asian American
  - 1% Other (including multiracial)
  - 22,000 Students with disabilities
  - 25,000 U.S. veterans