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