

OUR PROGRAMS

TRiO programs were created under Title IV of the Higher Education Law and offer similar services but serve different populations.

Educational Talent Search - serves elementary, middle and high school students, adults up to 27 years, veterans without an age limit and school dropouts, in order to prepare and enroll them at the postsecondary level. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education.

Upward Bound - serves students of secondary schools in order to provide fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuit. There is a program specifically for veterans and another directed towards degrees in math and science.

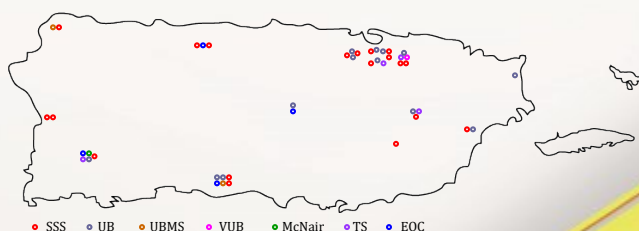
Upward Bound Math and Sciences - serves students of secondary schools in order to improve mathematics and science skills of the participants. The program offers a summer program with intensive math and science training, year round counseling and advisement, computer training, and participant-conducted scientific research under the guidance of faculty members.

Veterans Upward Bound - is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education.

Student Support Services Program - serves students admitted and enrolled in higher education institutions. Services are designed to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and motivate participants toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

Educational Opportunity Centers - Serves drop-outs, young people, adults, and veterans who wish to begin or restart the attainment of their postsecondary degree, without any restriction. The program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. Services are provided to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants.

Ronald E. McNair Program - serves college students in their third year that aspire a doctoral degree. Services are designed to prepare eligible participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities.



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The Caribbean Association of Educational Opportunity Programs (CAEOP) is a nonprofit educational corporation. It brings together professionals interested in educating students and persons of limited financial resources, whose parents do not possess a university degree (baccalaureate), or have a disability.

Mission

The mission of CAEOP is to advocate for equal educational opportunities, encourage and promote communication, administrative support, research, and the personal and professional development of its members.

Objectives

1. Create, develop and participate in activities to promote equal educational opportunities individually and collectively.
2. Establish a system of communication and effective collaboration between members, reflecting technological advances and current educational trends.
3. Promote research according to the mission of the corporation.
4. Promote activities for personal and professional improvement for its members through seminars, conferences, and other activities that develop the capacity for the effective management of these programs according to federal regulations.
5. Respond effectively to the needs of the participants.
6. Incorporate new techniques and strategies in the programs. Sharing strategies, ideas, and experiences among members to contribute to the success of these programs. Establish alliances with other local, regional, and international organizations linked to the promotion of educational opportunities.
7. Promote the organization of professional associations for TRIO Alumni.

Accomplishments

- ♦ Our region serves 16 *Student Support Programs*, 13 *Upward Bound Programs*, 2 *Upward Bound Math and Sciences Programs*, 1 *Veterans Upward Bound*, 4 *Talent Search Programs*, 5 *Educational Opportunity Centers*, and 1 *Ronald McNair Program*.
- ♦ Our programs currently serve 15,687 students approximately.
- ♦ Some recognized TRIO alumni are Israel Matos, *former director of the National Weather Service*, Carlos Colón, *Chancellor of Inter American University, Guayama Campus*, Víctor Vargas, *physiotherapist*, among others.

Activities for Members

The Board of Directors and the committees work closely to provide the following services to the members of the Association:

- ♦ Evaluation services aimed at the proper functioning of the programs.
- ♦ Training aimed at the professional improvement of staff.
- ♦ Workshops for new directors on the operation of their programs.
- ♦ An effective system of communication and collaboration between its members that respond to technological advances and educational tendencies.
- ♦ An Annual Regional Conference which offers professional growth and the opportunity to share experiences ideas and interests.
- ♦ Development of academic, cultural, and social activities for TRIO program participants.
- ♦ Coordination with other local, regional and international organizations related to the promotion of educational opportunities.



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