

# TRIO – A World of Opportunities



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# Our Common Goal



## Sinking the Orange

- ❧ Cannot hold the orange down by any means
- ❧ The orange must sink by itself
- ❧ The orange must stay round
- ❧ Cannot pour water out of the container

# TRIO Success: Video



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# What is TRIO?



## TRIO History

- ❧ 1965
- ❧ Originally 3 programs
- ❧ Equal educational opportunity for all students
- ❧ Federally funded programs serving middle school and high school students, adults, and college students
- ❧ Low-income and potential first-generation college students

# Who Are We?



## Pre-College High School TRIO Programs

- ❧ Talent Search
- ❧ Upward Bound
- ❧ Math & Science Center
- ❧ GEAR UP (not TRIO)

# Who Are We?



## Pre-College Adult TRIO Programs

❧ Veterans Upward Bound

❧ Educational Opportunity Center

## College TRIO Programs

❧ Student Support Services

❧ McNair Scholars

# GEAR UP



## Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

- ⌘ Discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education
- ⌘ Serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school

# Barriers TRIO/GEAR UP Students Face

## Low-Income & First Generation College Students

- ❧ Lack of Knowledge
- ❧ Lack of Resources
- ❧ Lack of Parental/Family Support

# Barriers **TRIO/GEAR** UP Students Face

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Pre-College Middle/High School Students

- ❧ Peer Pressures
- ❧ Lack of Information
- ❧ Lack of Self-Confidence

# Barriers TRIO Students Face

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Pre-College Adult Students

- ❧ Lack of Self-Efficacy
- ❧ Need to Work to Support Family
- ❧ Lack of Skills/Knowledge for College Classes

# Case Studies



## 2 Case Studies

Small Group Discussion

Describe how you will assist the student in resolving the situation (For example: how will you collaborate with other departments/programs on the campus or in the community).

# Case Study #1



Karla is a sophomore attending the ABC University and is currently on academic probation. She was awarded financial aid in the fall semester but did not receive any aid in the spring semester because her financial aid was revoke. Karla needs to take out a \$3000.00 loan to pay for her tuition but can't find anyone to co-sign for her. In addition, while she has attended her classes this semester, she did not buy any text books. Karla is determined to graduate from ABC University but without financial aid/loans and her poor grades she is facing some challenges.

Karla sets up an appointment with you in hopes that you can help her with her situation. What recommendations do you have for Karla? How will you utilize other departments on campus/community to help her succeed?

# Case Study #2



Luther is a 44 year old who wants to go back to college and attend XYZ Community College. He is a veteran who has been unemployed for many years. Last year he got a minimum wage job but he never filed his income taxes. Luther is very anxious and doesn't know if he can handle college – both academically or financially but he is determined to make a better life for himself and his 3 children. In addition, he is not sure what career field he should enter. Luther doesn't know the first step in what he needs to do, but he does know that he must figure out how to pay for college. He remembers getting financial aid when he was 18 when he first tried to make it in college.

His neighbor suggested he contact your office. Luther calls right away in hopes that you can help him reach his college and career dreams. What recommendations do you have for Luther? How will you utilize other departments on campus/community to help him succeed?

# Bridging the Gap – Ways to Collaborate

## Strategies

- ❧ Encourage Middle School Visits
- ❧ Attend TRIO College Fairs/Events
- ❧ Admission Fee Waivers
- ❧ TRIO Days
- ❧ Serve on committees together

# Bridging the Gap – Ways to Collaborate

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## Strategies

- ❧ Contact Person for Adult Students
- ❧ Evening Office Hours for Adult Students
- ❧ Attend/present at TRIO/GEAR UP Conferences
- ❧ Financial Aid Presentation for TRIO/GEAR UP students (tailored for each target population –middle school, veterans, etc.)

# Bridging the Gap – Ways to Collaborate

## Discussion Questions

- ❧ What obstacles have you found when working with low-income, first generation college students?
- ❧ Do you have any TRIO Programs on your campus? If so, what are some effective ways in which you have worked with these programs?

# **Bridging the Gap – Ways to Collaborate**

## **Discussion Questions Continued**

- ❧ What new activity/event would you like to create on your campus to continue to connect the circle and retain low-income, first generation college students?

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