



## **Colorado Chapter of ASPIRE (CCA): Representing TRIO Professionals in Colorado**

The purpose of CCA is to provide professional development and education policy advocacy for TRIO professionals in Colorado. TRIO programs and its staff work with first-generation, low-income youth and adults to increase opportunity for success in secondary and postsecondary education.

The Colorado Chapter of ASPIRE is part of the regional ASPIRE, Inc. organization that also provides professional development and advocacy for the Federal TRIO Programs funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

### ***The TRIO Programs and Who They Serve***

TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, disabled and disconnected individuals to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds and to provide relevant training to directors and staff.

### ***Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)***

The Educational Opportunity Centers provide counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the college application process.

### ***Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (McNair)***

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program is designed to encourage low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. This program was named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion.

### ***Student Support Services (SSS)***

Student Support Services projects work to enable low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants receive tutoring, advising, mentoring, and remedial instruction.

### ***Talent Search (TS)***

Talent Search projects serve young people in grades six through 12. In addition to counseling, participants receive information about college admissions requirements, scholarships, and various student financial aid programs.

### ***Upward Bound (UB)***

Upward Bound helps youth in high school prepare for higher education. Participants receive instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, and science on college campuses after school, on Saturdays and during the summer.

### ***Upward Bound Math/Science (UBMS)***

Upward Bound Math & Science helps high school students from low-income families to strengthen math and science skills. In addition, students learn computer technology as well as English, foreign language and study skills.

### ***Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)***

The Veterans Upward Bound program provides intensive basic skills development and short-term remedial courses for military veterans to help them successfully transition to postsecondary education. Veterans learn how to secure support from available resources such as the Veterans Administration, veterans associations, and various state and local agencies that serve veterans.

### ***Training Grants***

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations to support training to enhance the skills and expertise of project directors and staff employed in the Federal TRIO Programs. Funds may be used for conferences, seminars, internships, workshops, or the publication of manuals

According to the Colorado TRIO Fact Book, 49 TRIO Programs serve 15,926 participants in 2013.

<b>EOC</b>	3 - Programs	<b>SSS</b>	24 - Programs
<b>TS</b>	5 - Programs	<b>UB</b>	12 - Programs
<b>MCNAIR</b>	1 - Program	<b>UBMS</b>	2 - Programs
<b>VUB</b>	2 - Programs	Source: 2013 Colorado TRIO Fact Book	

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