



Legislative Update

April 2009

Welcome to the third edition of the Ohio TRIO Legislative Update. Ohio TRIO provides monthly updates to our state and federal legislators on behalf of the over 24,000 first-generation, low income students TRIO Programs serve in Ohio. April's edition focuses on recent legislative events Ohio TRIO has participated and highlights our adult and veteran programs. Please send comments, feedback and submissions to dlawless@kent.edu or fax 330-672-5339.

STATE & FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS

The month of March provided Ohio TRIO two significant opportunities to talk with state and federal legislators about Ohio TRIO's programs, the role these programs play in economic recovery, and the ways in which TRIO programs engage STEM preparation, adults and veterans.

Policy Seminar: Over 30 of Ohio TRIO professionals and alumni traveled to Washington DC and met with our federal congressional representatives and Senators. Our visit focused on securing additional critical dollars to directly serve Ohio's first-generation, low income families and continuing awareness as to the many roles Ohio TRIO Programs serve to meet Ohio and the nation's most pressing priorities.

Access & Success Breakfast: Started by TRIO programs five years ago, the Access & Success Breakfast has grown to include other partners that impact college access in Ohio. The breakfast, held at the Statehouse, invited our state representatives to learn about college access partnerships in Ohio.

Local and federal synergy

Ohio TRIO programs serve as an excellent example of how federal and local efforts work collaboratively together to address state and national needs.

Funded by federal dollars yet rooted in local partnerships, TRIO programs work with community agencies, K-12 and higher education institutions, Veteran organizations, and adult centers, to meet Ohio and the nation's most pressing needs. In doing so, Ohio TRIO programs re-engage students at all levels of the education pipeline leading to increased postsecondary graduation rates, workforce readiness, STEM preparation, and moving families out of poverty.

This month's Ohio TRIO Star is Erica Clayton

Erica is a graduate from Xavier University and participated in the Student Support Services program, recently traveling to Washington DC to speak on behalf of the TRIO Programs to Ohio's congressional representatives. Erica currently works as a consultant for Spring and is in the process of returning to graduate school in Business Administration.





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Program Spotlight: Educational Opportunity Centers

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC's) target displaced or underemployed workers from low-income families. These centers help students choose colleges and guide them through the often confusing financial aid process.

Ohio TRIO has five EOC programs, serving 7,400 families, totaling over 1.8million federal dollars to re-engage participants into the educational pipeline.

Programs are located at Cincinnati State & Technical College, Cuyahoga Community College, Educational Partners, Inc (Dayton, Ohio), Shawnee State University and the University of Cincinnati Clermont College.



SAVE THE DATES:

- TRIO Ohio TRIO Professional Conference, April 19 – 21, 2009
- TRIO Council for Opportunity in Education Financial Aid & Admission Training Session, April 21, Columbus, Ohio
- TRIO Ohio TRIO Student Leadership Conference, April 24 – 26, 2009
- TRIO MAEOPP Regional Board Meeting, May 1 & 2, Bloomington, MN

OHIO TRIO FACT

Ohio TRIO programs serve over 24,000 students, bringing in over 24.5 million in federal dollars to increase the preparation, graduation and success of Ohio's first-generation, low income families.