WHY PARTICIPATE?
Your employability and earning potential connect directly to your educational level. A recent study projects that by 2020, 71 percent of Kansas jobs will require postsecondary education.

To better prepare for the workforce, TRIO-EOC participants choose from the following educational options:

- Technical school
- Vocational school
- Community college
- College/University

“TRIO-EOC staff members are very supportive and help me understand my financial aid and career options.”

— Sha
KCKCC
Information Technology Program

Providing access to higher education for adults & youth pursuing career goals.
WHO ARE WE?
TRIO Educational Opportunity Centers (TRIO-EOC) is a federally funded college access program; the KU TRIO-EOC, funded continuously since 1998, has provided educational services to more than 16,000 individuals. Services include helping individuals enroll in technical and vocational training programs, and postsecondary education programs. TRIO-EOC also assists participants in exploring career options, selecting a school, completing college admissions applications, and applying for financial aid.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?
TRIO-EOC assistance is free and available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who:

- Express a desire to enroll in a postsecondary educational program;
- Reside in Wyandotte, Douglas, or Shawnee counties in eastern Kansas;
- Have low to moderate household income or have parents who did not graduate from a college or university with a four-year bachelor’s degree.

“Do it! It’s the best thing you can do. It will help you in the future.”
—Sydney
KCKCC Technical Education Center
Heating & Cooling Program

“Life does not always give you what you want. You make the choice not to let your dreams die. I choose to live my dream.”
—Ayongwi
University of Kansas
School of Pharmacy

SERVICES
Financial Aid
Assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and in identifying scholarship opportunities.

Admissions
Assistance in completing applications to technical schools, vocational schools, community colleges, colleges, and universities.

Advising
Career and academic guidance.

Workshops
- Educational workshops (via schools and community agencies) to help individuals successfully enroll in postsecondary education.
- Financial literacy workshops to help students analyze their finances and make better monetary decisions while in school and in the future.

TRIO-EOC is one of eight 100% federally funded TRIO Programs of the U.S. Department of Education, administered at the University of Kansas by the Center for Educational Opportunity Programs. The name TRIO was coined for the original three programs started in the 1960s.

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