The Title V/TRiO Department at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) is comprised of three distinct programs that offer intensive services to students to result in academic success. The three distinct programs include the Title V Cooperative Grant, the Upward Bound program, and the Student Support Services program. Each grant/program offers students a different array of resources and have different eligibility requirements. Provided below is a brief synopsis of what the grant/programs offer. Please click on the link provided at the end of each synopsis to get more detailed information about services offered.

**Title V Cooperative Grant**

The Title V Cooperative Grant is a federally funded program that helps strengthen institutions of higher education by various ways. In this particular grant, the there are two institutions involved, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College. These two institutions have entered into a partnership that will better serve students from low-income and/or first-generation backgrounds beginning in high school and provide services until they graduate from college. This set of activities is called "The Seamless Pipeline."

This "seamless" pipeline consists of three different program components that begin with the integration into college preparedness and readiness. This is achieved by the Component I - GO Centers located in various surrounding Coastal Bend area high schools. This is the first leg of the journey where students are introduced and prepared for collegiate entrance. The second component involves having graduating Seniors from the various Title V sponsored GO Centers attend Del Mar College to attain their Associate degrees in the following 2 to 3 years. Finally, the third component, follows the students as they graduate from Del Mar College with their Associate's Degree and help them matriculate to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi where eventually they will receive their Bachelor's Degree. To learn more, click on the appropriate Component Link:

Component I: GO Centers

Component II: Del Mar College

Component III: Completing the Pipeline (CTP)
TRiO Programs: 
Upward Bound Program & 
Student Support Services

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TRiO continued to grow, keeping its name, but over the years, the TRiO Programs have expanded to six programs and have improved to provide a wider range of services to more students who need the assistance: Educational Opportunity Centers (1972), Training Program for Federal TRiO Programs (1976), and Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program (1986). EOC helps TRiO expand its clientele to adults, while the McNair program works with those students interested in graduate school. The legislative requirements for all TRIO programs can be found in the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2.

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi TRiO Programs provide information on academic and financial aid opportunities. They are designed to identify students with academic potential and prepare them to do college level work (Upward Bound Program), and provide tutoring and support services once they reach campus (Student Support Services). All programs ensure college retention and graduation. These services mirror the mission statement of our University; which is "to identify, recruit and retain students who have high potential for academic success, especially those from groups who historically have been under-represented in higher education."

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has sponsored TRiO since 1999 and currently under the leadership of Dr. Veronica Guerra, Director of Title V/TRiO. The TAMUCC TRiO Programs are located in two locations on the TAMUCC campus. The Upward Bound Program is located at the Modular Building, Room 120, and the Student Support Services can be found on the 3rd floor of the University Center. Our programs operate under the Office of the Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. This office fosters initiatives and are intended to revitalize education for disadvantaged youth. Additionally, relationships with parents, local school districts, and various community agencies have allowed us to expand our range of services to participants. We are striving to give new meaning to TRIO in this new millennium by Turning Restrictions Into Opportunities.