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and Building Educated Communities

2019-20

*Annual
Report*

Educational Opportunity Center
Upward Bound Classic
Upward Bound Math + Science

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Section 1 – Summative Report

In 2019-20, Opportunity Resource Services (ORS) operated and managed five federally-funded TRIO Programs, including one Educational Opportunity Center, two Upward Bound Classic Programs, and two Upward Bound Math and Science Programs. These programs were funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$1.4 million.

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Quarantine orders were issued in March of 2020, after only 50-60% of program activities had been completed. All ORS programs were transitioned to online services immediately, and all programs implemented creative solutions to recruit participants and provide all services to participants virtually. Upward Bound and UBMS led a fully online afterschool program and a fully online summer program. EOC transitioned to virtual advising and expanded outreach events to include more food drives.

According to national statistics, FAFSA completion rates and college-going rates, particularly among low-income students, plummeted in 2019-20, and the population ORS serves was no different. As low-income families adapted to job loss, food insecurity, and financial instability, higher education enrollment fell further out of reach.

ORS is proud of our accomplishments against overwhelming odds. Although we fell short of a few of our objectives this year, our staff members out-performed many of their peers throughout the state and the country, and our overall performance was strong. Our communities are better served and our families are poised to recover well economically as the country recovers from the economic devastation of the pandemic, due in no small part to our tireless efforts to reach and serve our communities' most vulnerable families.

Postsecondary Education Services in Johnson County	
Participants Served in 2019-20	1,268
Financial aid applications completed	498
Postsecondary education applications completed	449
Participants successfully enrolled in postsecondary education Fall 2020	193

The table below provides a summative report of how these programs performed on their standardized objectives. Details for each program and its objectives are provided in Sec. 2.

Project	Objective	Outcome
UB Classic 1	Academic Performance - GPA	MET
UB Classic 1	Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	MET
UB Classic 1	Secondary School Retention and Graduation	MET
UB Classic 1	Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	MET
UB Classic 1	Postsecondary Enrollment	MET
UB Classic 1	Postsecondary Education Completion	MET
UB Classic 2	Academic Performance - GPA	MET
UB Classic 2	Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	MET

UB Classic 2	Secondary School Retention and Graduation	MET
UB Classic 2	Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	MET
UB Classic 2	Postsecondary Enrollment	MET
UB Classic 2	Postsecondary Education Completion	**
UB Math & Science 1	Academic Performance - GPA	MET
UB Math & Science 1	Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	MET
UB Math & Science 1	Secondary School Retention and Graduation	MET
UB Math & Science 1	Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	MET
UB Math & Science 1	Postsecondary Enrollment	NOT MET
UB Math & Science 1	Postsecondary Education Completion	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Academic Performance - GPA	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Secondary School Retention and Graduation	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Postsecondary Enrollment	MET
UB Math & Science 2	Postsecondary Education Completion	**
Ed Opp Center	Secondary School Diploma	MET
Ed Opp Center	Financial Aid Applications	NOT MET
Ed Opp Center	Postsecondary Admissions Applications	NOT MET
Ed Opp Center	Postsecondary Admissions Enrollment	MET
**Not Applicable until 2024		Percent Met
		89%

Section 2 – Report by Program

Sec. 2a - UPWARD BOUND PROGRAMS

The tables in Sec. 2a provide 2019-20 outcome data for these programs' six standardized objectives for the U.S. Department of Education. Detailed instructions for the calculation of these objectives can be found at The U.S. Department of Education webpage, "Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math-Science Programs Annual Performance Report for Program Year 2019-2020," *Policies and Procedures for Standard Objectives Assessments -- Appendix to UB-UBMS APR* (<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/triomathsci/report.html>).

Upward Bound Classic 1

In 2019-20, the Upward Bound Classic 1 Program served 71 students at Venus High School and Alvarado High School, providing year-round college preparation services for low-income, first-generation, and/or academically at-risk high school students. This program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$287,537 to serve a minimum of 72 students.

Objective	Approved Rate	Attained Rate
Academic Performance - GPA	85%	97%
Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	50%	94%
Secondary School Retention and Graduation	98%	99%
Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	5%	93%
Postsecondary Enrollment	60%	71%
Postsecondary Education Completion	25%	43%
		100% Met

Upward Bound Classic 2

In 2019-20, the Upward Bound Classic 2 Program served 59 students at Rio Vista High School and Keene High School, providing year-round college preparation services for low-income, first-generation, and/or academically at-risk high school students. This program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$287,537 to serve a minimum of 60 students.

Objective	Approved Rate	Attained Rate
Academic Performance - GPA	65%	88%
Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	50%	73%
Secondary School Retention and Graduation	90%	97%
Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	5%	80%
Postsecondary Enrollment	60%	67%
Postsecondary Education Completion	20%	**
**Not Applicable until 2024		100% Met

Upward Bound Math & Science 1

In 2019-20, the Upward Bound Math & Science 1 Program served 74 students at Alvarado High School, providing year-round college preparation services for low-income, first-generation, and/or academically at-risk high school students. This program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$287,537 to serve a minimum of 72 students.

Objective	Approved Rate	Attained Rate
Academic Performance - GPA	90%	92%
Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	85%	86%
Secondary School Retention and Graduation	98%	100%
Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	90%	94%
Postsecondary Enrollment	70%	61%
Postsecondary Education Completion	30%	70%
		83% Met

Upward Bound Math & Science 2

In 2019-20, the Upward Bound Math & Science 2 Program served 61 students at Rio Vista High School, Keene High School, and Venus High School, providing year-round college preparation services for low-income, first-generation, and/or academically at-risk high school students. This program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$287,537 to serve a minimum of 60 students.

Objective	Approved Rate	Attained Rate
Academic Performance - GPA	75%	100%
Academic Performance - Standardized Tests	85%	100%
Secondary School Retention and Graduation	90%	98%
Secondary School Graduation - Rigorous Program	70%	100%
Postsecondary Enrollment	70%	77%
Postsecondary Education Completion	30%	**
**Not Applicable until 2024		100% Met

Sec. 2b – EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS

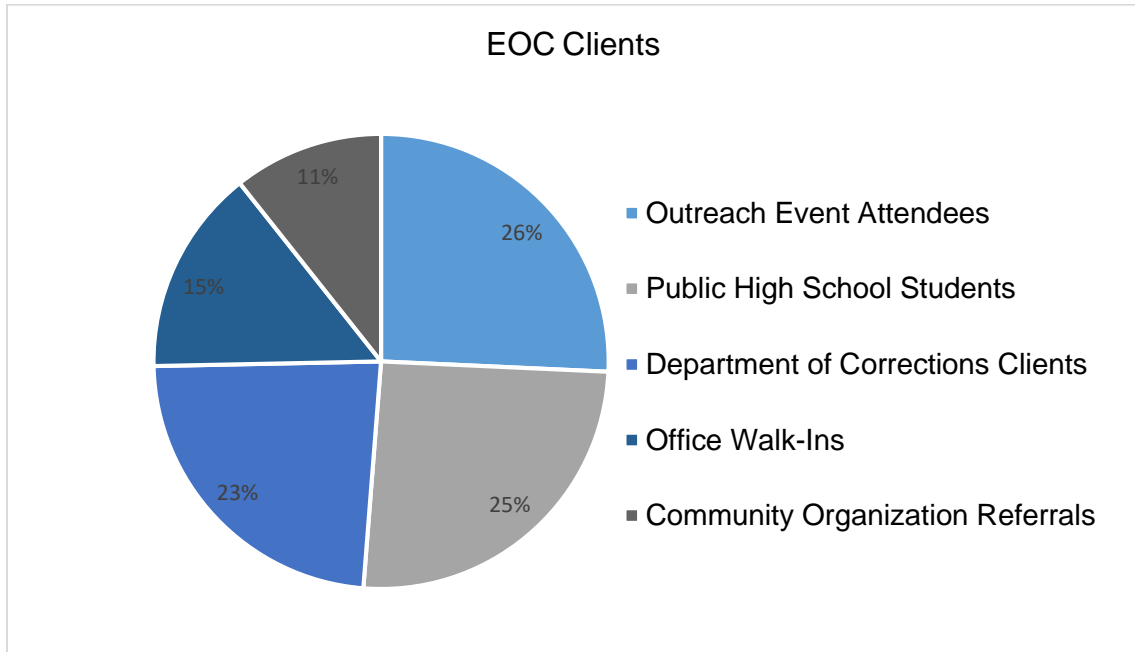
The table in Sec. 2B provides 2019-20 outcome data for this program’s four standardized objectives for the U.S. Department of Education. Detailed instructions for the calculation of these objectives can be found at The U.S. Department of Education webpage, “2019 - 2020 EOC Annual Performance Report,” *Policies and Procedures for Prior Experience (PE) Assessment -- 2016-2021 Grant Cycle* (<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/report.html>).

Educational Opportunity Center

In 2019-20, the Educational Opportunity Center Program served 1,003 participants in Johnson County, providing information on financial literacy, higher education, and assistance with postsecondary admissions and financial aid applications. This program was funded by the U.S. Department of Education for \$263,529 to serve a minimum of 1,000 participants.

Objective	Approved Rate	Attained Rate
Secondary School Diploma	25%	56%
Financial Aid Applications	50%	49%
Postsecondary Education Admissions	55%	51%
Postsecondary Education Enrollment	30%	50%
		50% Met

The Educational Opportunity Center Program identified and selected participants for 2019-20 from 46 sources throughout Johnson County. Those sources have been categorized into five major categories, and provided in the chart below.



Section 3 – Access and Exposure

As one of our core values, ORS focuses on providing program participants with access to resources and exposure to new opportunities to inspire our participants to reach their goals and expand their worldview.

Although the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine limited our program operations in the Spring and Summer of 2020, the Upward Bound and UBMS programs were able to provide many online virtual opportunities for students to experience cultural and educational activities. In 2019-2020, the Upward Bound and UBMS program provided the following educational experiences:

- Overnight Senior Retreat at Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center, including intensive college preparedness intervention services and outdoor physical activities
- In-person after-school workshops, including SAT/ACT/TSI preparation, Aviation, UTA Admissions, and College Prep, including best fit college selection, time management, types of PSE, and financial literacy.
- A presentation and tour of the Stephen F. Austin university campus during Showcase, including academic sessions, academic fair, financial aid fairs, and a sporting event.
- Field trip to FC Dallas, including a marketing presentation, the national soccer hall of fame, and exclusive access to practice at the field level.
- Fine arts field trip, including hands-on activities at Painting with a Twist and a self-guided tour of the Dallas Museum of Art, including the special event exhibit.
- Virtual University tours, including Texas Tech, Tarleton State, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, University of Texas at San Antonio, Southwester Assemblies of God University, and Midwestern State University.
- Online college preparatory workshops, including community college and trade school options, bachelor's and advanced degrees, college budgeting and scholarships, college pathways, resume and scholarship essay writing, financial literacy, time management, military vs. college, understanding student loans, identifying best fit colleges, and mental health.
- Online access and exposure to professionals in applied science, including physical therapy, data science, marine biology, computer science,
- Virtual work-study opportunities for all program participants to experience careers requiring postsecondary education, including individualized career research and working with mentors to develop a presentation
- Online "Welcome Week," including virtual orientation, house meetings, game nights, hands-on STEM activities, dorm cooking, presentation regarding highly selective universities, hands-on art activities, club meetings, watch party, college tour, and an awards ceremony.
- Virtual academic clubs, including robotics, culinary, fine arts, app design, photography, stop motion animation, book club, and cultural appreciation.
- Online summer classes, including robotics, anatomy and physiology, forensic science, meteorology, geology, physical education, foundations in studio art, child development, food and nutrition, video production, TSI math, SAT math, statistics, consumer math, business math, fashion design, music, film studies, computer graphics, French, advanced Spanish, Italian, American Sign Language, Spanish, film studies, computer graphics, sports marketing, animation and game development, effective communications, heroic journeys in literature, literacy in the digital age, creative writing, film and literature, journalism, astronomy, entrepreneurship, criminal justice, ancient and contemporary world mythology, law crime and the community, civics, bioethics, oceanography, and psychology.

- In-person, small group field trips to Fort Worth Zoo self-guided tour and hands-on animal experience, Backwoods Paddle kayaking, Rainbow Vomit immersive art, Dallas Cowboys Stadium tour, Dallas Arboretum self-guided tour and social media marketing, and Dallas Zoo self-guided tour and hands-on animal experience.

In 2019-20 the Educational Opportunity Center program provided outreach, instruction, and engagement throughout Johnson County at the following events, organizations, or places.

- Crazy 8 Ministries
- George Beto Unit
- Larry Gist Unit
- Autumn on the Square
- Bethel Temple Food Bank
- Broadway Baptist Church Food Bank
- Country Life SDA Food Bank
- LVT Rise Food Bank
- Open Door Food Bank
- Railroaders Home Plate Project
- WestAid Food Bank
- Burd's Flea Market
- Kauffman Leadership Academy
- Johnson County Juvenile Services
- Hamilton Unit
- Michael Unit
- Moore Unit
- Telford Unit
- Pack Unit
- Keene High School
- Family Crisis Center
- Harvest House
- Henderson Street Baptist Church
- Goree Unit
- Havins Unit
- Operation Blessing
- Ebby House
- AD Hughes Unit
- Refugee Services of Texas
- East Cleburne Community Center
- Cleburne Adult Education
- Burleson Works Expo
- Cleburne High School
- Rio Vista High School
- STAR Council
- New Horizon High School
- Grandview High School
- Godley High School
- Alvarado High School
- Joshua High School
- Sanders Estes Unit

Section 4 – Report by Site Location

Site locations have been selected for reporting based on Target School identification and significant population size. For 2019-20, the Target Schools for the Upward Bound/UBMS Programs include Alvarado High School, Venus High School, Rio Vista High School, and Keene High School.

Significant population size has been determined to be any source for the EOC Program that provided at least 50 participants for 2019-20, and includes Alvarado High School, Grandview High School, Harvest House, LVT Rise Food Bank, and Cleburne Railroaders Home Plate Project, and Sanders Estes Unit.

Sec. 4a – ALVARADO HIGH SCHOOL

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Alvarado High School to provide opportunities for students to participate in Upward Bound Classic, Upward Bound Math & Science, and Educational Opportunity Center program services. Upward Bound and UBMS were provided during both the Academic Year Program and the Summer Program. EOC program services were provided during college admissions/financial aid/financial literacy presentations and college application/financial aid drives in the fall of 2019.

Upward Bound/UBMS Student General Performance	
Number of Students in UB/UBMS	86
Hours of Tutoring Logged by Students	2192
Percent Passing STAAR by End of Year	88%
Percent with GPA above 2.5 by End of Year	91%
Percent who Advanced One Grade Level or Graduated	99%
Upward Bound/UBMS/EOC Services	
Number of Students (Seniors) served by UB/UBMS/EOC	99
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	119
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	83
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	51

Sec. 4b – VENUS HIGH SCHOOL

In 2019-20, ORS partnered virtually with Venus High School to provide opportunities for students to participate in Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Math & Science program services. Upward Bound and UBMS were provided throughout the year, during both the Academic Year Program and the Summer Program.

Upward Bound/UBMS Student General Performance	
Number of Students in UB/UBMS	88
Hours of Tutoring Logged by Students	3102
Percent Passing STAAR by End of Year	100%
Percent with GPA above 2.5 by End of Year	100%
Percent who Advanced One Grade Level or Graduated	100%
Upward Bound/UBMS Services	
Number of Students (Seniors) served by UB/UBMS	24
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	80
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	75
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	15

Sec. 4c – KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Keene High School to provide opportunities for students to participate in Upward Bound Classic, Upward Bound Math & Science, and Educational Opportunity Center program services. Upward Bound and UBMS were provided throughout the year, during both the Academic Year Program and the Summer Program. EOC services were provided during college admissions/financial aid/financial literacy presentations and college application/financial aid drives in the fall of 2019.

Upward Bound/UBMS Student General Performance	
Number of Students in UB/UBMS	56
Hours of Tutoring Logged by Students	2185
Percent Passing STAAR by End of Year	95%
Percent with GPA above 2.5 by End of Year	93%
Percent who Advanced One Grade Level or Graduated	100%
Upward Bound/UBMS/EOC Services	
Number of Students (Seniors) served by UB/UBMS/EOC	20
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	58
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	32
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	12

Sec. 4d – RIO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Rio Vista High School to provide opportunities for students to participate in Upward Bound Classic, Upward Bound Math & Science, and Educational Opportunity Center program services. Upward Bound and UBMS were provided throughout the year, during both the Academic Year Program and the Summer Program. EOC services were provided during college admissions/financial aid/financial literacy presentations and college application/financial aid drives in the fall of 2019.

Upward Bound/UBMS Student General Performance	
Number of Students in UB/UBMS	35
Hours of Tutoring Logged by Students	1008
Percent Passing STAAR by End of Year	80%
Percent with GPA above 2.5 by End of Year	94%
Percent who Advanced One Grade Level or Graduated	100%
Upward Bound/UBMS/EOC Services	
Number of Students (Seniors) served by UB/UBMS/EOC	13
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	14
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	17
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	5

Sec. 4e – HARVEST HOUSE

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Harvest House to provide opportunities for clients to participate in Educational Opportunity Center program services. EOC financial literacy services and information about higher education and financial aid were provided during outreach events at food drives in the fall and spring of 2019-2020.

EOC Services	
Number of People served by EOC	55
Number of People who Received Information about Financial Literacy	55
Number of People who Received Information about Federal Student Aid	55
Number of People who Received Information about Higher Education Programs	55

Sec. 4f – LVT RISE FOOD BANK

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with LVT Rise to provide opportunities for students to participate in Educational Opportunity Center program services. EOC services were provided during outreach events at food drives in the summer of 2020.

EOC Services	
Number of People served by EOC	56
Number of People who Received Information about Financial Literacy	56
Number of People who Received Information about Federal Student Aid	56
Number of People who Received Information about Higher Education Programs	56

Sec. 4g – CLEBURNE RAILROADERS HOME PLATE PROJECT

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Cleburne Railroaders Home Plate Project to provide opportunities for students to participate in Educational Opportunity Center program services. EOC services were provided during outreach events at food drives in the summer of 2020.

EOC Services	
Number of People served by EOC	98
Number of People who Received Information about Financial Literacy	98
Number of People who Received Information about Federal Student Aid	98
Number of People who Received Information about Higher Education Programs	98

Sec. 4h – GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Grandview High School to provide opportunities for students to participate in Educational Opportunity Center program services. EOC services were provided during college admissions/financial aid/financial literacy presentations and college application/financial aid drives in the fall of 2019.

EOC Services	
Number of Students (Seniors) served by EOC	59
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	25
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	52
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	43

Sec. 4i – SANDERS ESTES UNIT

In 2019-20, ORS partnered with Sanders Estes Unit to provide opportunities for clients to participate in Educational Opportunity Center program services. Sanders Estes Unit is a detention center for incarcerated men who are transitioning to the public. EOC services were provided during college application/financial aid drives in the fall and spring of 2019-20.

EOC Services	
Number of Clients served by EOC	207
Number of Financial Aid Applications Completed	142
Number of College Admissions Applications Completed	128
Number of Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Education in Fall of 2020	7