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Welcome!

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Career & Education Outreach

Helping Students and Adults Plan for Their Future

VSAC Career and Education Outreach

- Federal TRIO Programs
 - Talent Search
 - Educational Opportunity Center
- Vermont State GEAR UP
- Statewide Services to Schools
- VSAC Career Planning Initiative



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TRiO Talent Search

- Awarded in 1969 to assist Vermont seniors as they applied for federal financial aid
- In 2008, 15 counselors served 1,350 low-income, first-generation college-bound students statewide



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TRiO Educational Opportunity Center

- First awarded in 1991 to help adults interested in seeking further education. Although VSAC had provided adult services prior to 1991, this grant made our counseling for adults more specialized.
- Currently 9 counselors statewide serve at least 2,000 adults each year



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Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

- Established by Congress in the Higher Education Act of 1998
- Built upon the National Early Intervention Scholarship Program (NEISP)
- Six-year state GEAR UP grant awarded August 2005
- 15 GEAR UP counselors and coordinators serve 1,700 students in 53 schools statewide



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VSAC GEAR UP and Talent Search

To find, motivate and support students from backgrounds not typically represented in postsecondary education (low or modest income, first-generation college-bound, disabled, disconnected youth) to:



- Graduate from high school and continue their education
- Leave high school with the preparation necessary to succeed in postsecondary education and training programs



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Early Awareness Model for Postsecondary Planning

Interactive individual and group activities that foster self-awareness, career exploration and understanding of future opportunities, including:

- Experiences on college campuses and in the World of Work
- Schools as partners ~ integration of career development into the curriculum



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Early Awareness Model (cont.)

- Summer Programs
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Academic Planning
- Connecting “Real World” to academics
- College Entrance Exam Prep
- Dual Enrollment opportunities
- Parent Liaison Program



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GEAR UP School Improvement Initiatives

- GEAR UP School Partnership Program
- GUSIA
- Primary Partners:
 - University of Vermont
 - Vermont State College System
 - Vermont Principals Association
 - Vermont Department of Education



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VT-EOC Objectives

- 50% of participants who have not obtained a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate will enroll in a continuing education program during each budget period
- 63% of participants who are high school seniors or high school graduates will apply for financial aid and admissions during each budget period
- 60% of participants who are high school seniors or high school graduates will enroll or re-enroll in postsecondary education during each budget period



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Services the EOC Program Provides

- Educational planning
- Career awareness and decision making
- College selection
- College transition
- Financial aid counseling
- Assistance in completing admissions and financial aid applications
- Connections with other agencies (i.e., DOL, DOC, VR, DCF, colleges)



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How We Deliver Services

- Individual counseling – currently there are nine EOC counselors throughout the state of Vermont. FREE appointments are made by calling the VSAC toll-free number
- Group Workshops – offered free-of-charge, workshop topics include Returning to Learning, Career Focus, Financial Aid and Scholarship Search for Adults, and specific career-related themes
- Networking with other agencies and schools



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EOC Outcomes – FY08

- 2,017 adults served through individual appointments (funded to serve 2,000)
- 1,528 (75%) were both first-generation and low-income
- 1,497 (74%) were female
- 62% of college-ready participants enrolled or re-enrolled in postsecondary programs



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Postsecondary Outcomes for Talent Search and GEAR UP Class of 2009

- Students who have, or had, a VSAC grant or loan record for FY10 as of 10/09. Information represented as percentage of graduates of programs
- Data is still evolving at this time for class of 2009

Continuation Rates	
GEAR UP	Talent Search
79.5%	91.2%

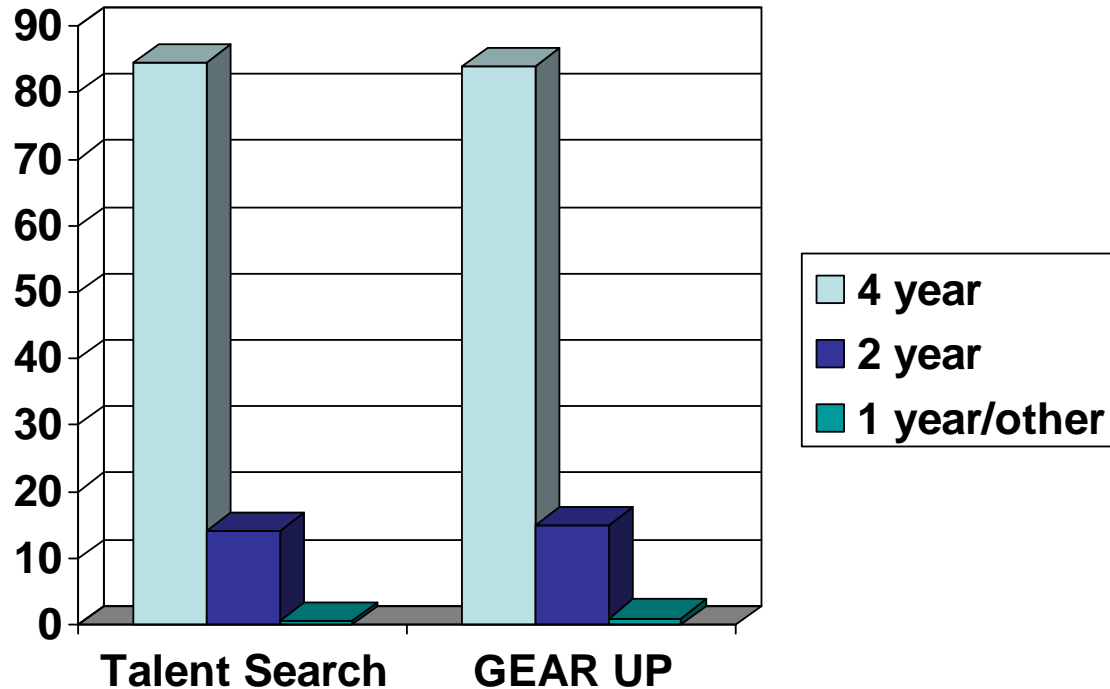


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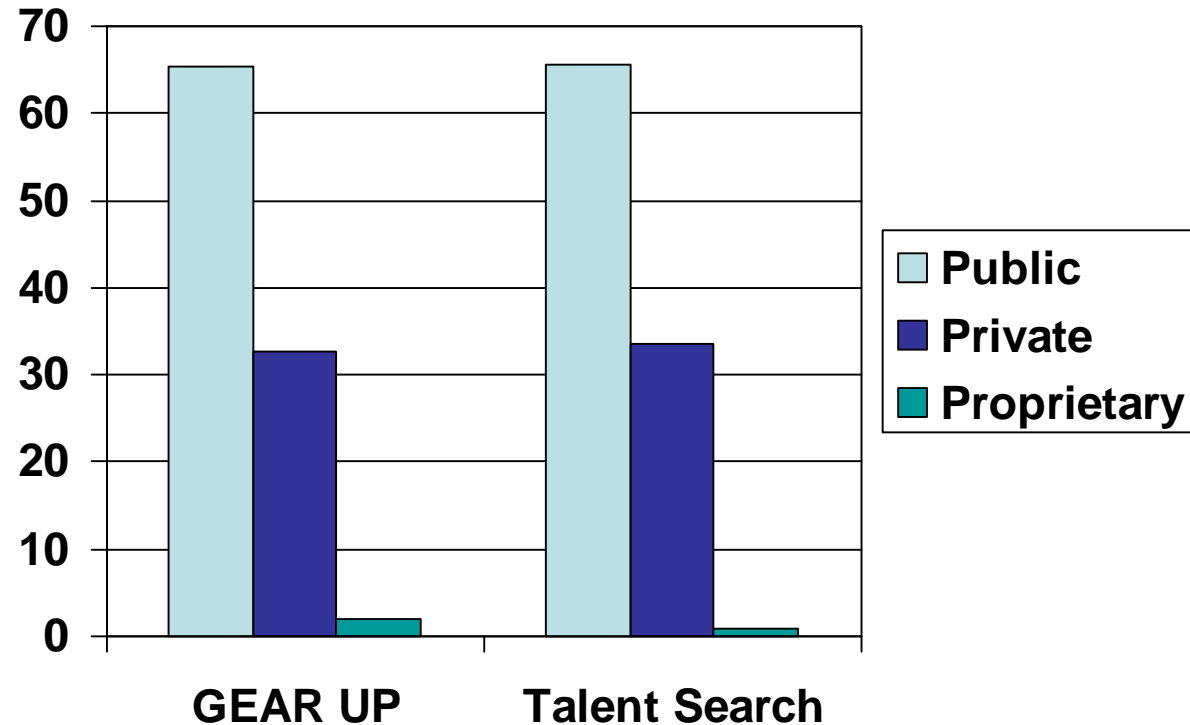


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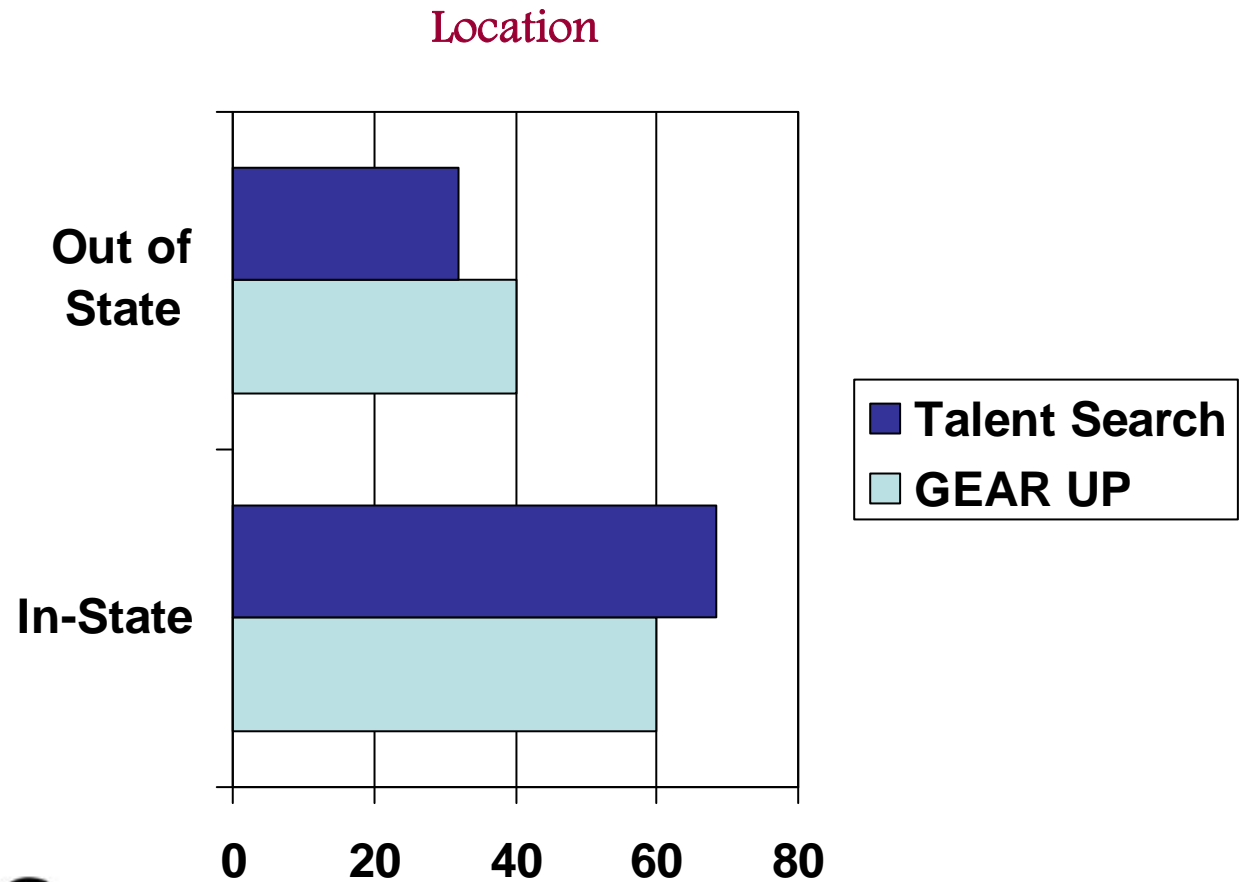
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Postsecondary Education Profile

TS and GU Graduates – Class of 2003

Characteristic	All Program Graduates (first institution attended)		Bachelor Degree Earners	
	Talent Search	GEAR UP	Talent Search	GEAR UP
Enrolled in Postsecondary Education (within 6 years)	89.4	83.1		
Public	68.5	62	52.9	52.5
Private	28.8	33.3	47.1	47.5
In-state	65.7	68.5	56.7	64.4
Out of state	34.2	31.5	43.3	35.6
4 year	75.3	84.3	97.1	98.3
2 year	23.7	14.8	2.9	1.7



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Average Cumulative Debt

- The next slide:
 - Bachelor Degree holders who graduated from GEAR UP or Talent Search, attended school full time and received at least 8 semesters of VT Grants within 6 years



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Average Cumulative Debt

Average Cumulative Debt of Bachelor Earning Grant Recipients in the Outreach Class of 2003				Average Cumulative Debt of Senior FT 4-yr VSAC Grant Recipient
Loan Type	In 2007	In 2008	In 2009	FY2005 – FY2009
Stafford – subsidized	10,842	12,462	17,062	
Stafford – unsubsidized	2982	1725	7778	
Perkins	2349	2964	1499	
Federal	\$16,173	\$17,151	\$26,339	
Alternative	3757	5225	3392	
Institutional	1036	2056	1583	
Private	4793	7281	4975	
Parent PLUS	5106	5106	2632	\$9875-\$8621
Total Ed Loans	\$26,072	\$29,538	\$33,946	\$38,671-\$40,174



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Where EOC Participants are Going

- EOC participants without high school credentials enter high school completion programs or other training programs
- EOC participants with high school credentials attend colleges or short term training programs primarily in Vermont, some do on-line programs



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