

## **Talent Search (U.S. Department of Education: TRIO Program)**

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Iowa Lakes Community College will assist 800 eligible middle and high school participants to complete high school and pursue postsecondary education. The target area will include five rural counties in Iowa's Fifth U.S. Congressional District: Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, and Palo Alto. Data indicate that more than **5,700** area **students**, grades 6-12 **and 2,045 adult-youth, age 19-27 meet project eligibility criteria**. A menu of *cores services* will be available to all participants, regardless of age; however, because this project is designed to serve participants age 11 through adulthood, several 'component programs' have been designed to 'package' services to targeted cohorts of participants: *Success for 6<sup>th</sup> (grade)*, *Tutoring*, *College-Bound*, and *Adult Services*. In recognition that technology literacy is essential to success for today's student, instruction in and application of technology will be infused through all project activities.

The *Success for 6<sup>th</sup>* component will serve 75 eligible sixth graders. The 20-week instructional component is designed to build self-esteem, parental involvement in education and a 'yearning for learning' in students. The *Tutoring Component* will serve a minimum of 100 students (grades 6 – 12), with comprehensive, ongoing educational support. Services provided include weekly tutoring and formal study skills instruction, in addition to academic advising and the other project *core services*. The *College-Bound* component will provide 577 in-school participants (grades 6 – 12) with comprehensive academic advising, campus visits, career exploration and academic enrichment services. The *Adult Services* component will serve 48 high school dropouts and adults (age 19 – 27) who wish to reentry education.