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| **RESOURCES & SUPPORT SERVICES IN COLLEGE**There are many resources to help students transition to college and get personal, health, financial, and academic support. In many families, this child may be the first person to go to college. Colleges know these students--sometimes referred to as first-generation--may need more support and have programs designed just for them.One program is called the **TRiO Student Support Services Program or TRiO SSS**. In Washington State, 26 institutions offer TRiO — at both community colleges and four-year schools-- to help students who are low-income, first-generation, or have disabilities. TRiO SSS ensures students have the social and emotional support they need to finish school. It also provides tutoring, teaches study skills, and offers academic counseling. Students also get help navigating the college system, like how to register for classes, access financial aid, and secure housing. Students are also welcome to participate in various social and cultural events designed to help them build a supportive social network on campus. |  |  | Another great program is CAMP or the College Assistance Migrant Program. It helps students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or the children of these workers) during their first year at college. They can get free counseling, tutoring, skills workshops, financial aid stipends, health services, and housing assistance.Campus **disability service offices** ensure equal access to educational programs and services by providing consultation on accommodations (placement testing, classroom, assistive technology, and more) for students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified for college.  | Many schools offer a free and open program called First Year Experience, which can help students transition to college throughout their first year. There are also **free tutoring** and **writing centers**, career counseling,and **academic advising** for students at all schools. Schools often have a **mental health counselor and health facility** on campus. Check out what supports are available at your college’s website. Some programs may require an application. |
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| STUDENT CHECKLIST* Schedule any necessary interviews.
* Complete college admission and financial aid applications. If you plan to attend a community or technical college, don’t wait until the last minute to apply – financial aid could be gone, and the classes you want could be filled. Also, keep copies of all forms you mail or submit online.
 |  |  | MYTHBUSTER**MYTH:** Students must declare a major and decide on a career before choosing their college.**REALITY:** Absolutely not. Most college applications ask for your "intended" major, but that does not mean it is set in stone. College is a time for students to explore their academic interests and discover an area they might want to major in.Often, students will find that their major is something they have never even heard of in high school, so they have a reasonable amount of time to discover and decide in college. |
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| FAMILY CHECKLIST * Encourage your child to set up college interviews if necessary. An interview is an excellent way for your child to learn more about a college and for a college to learn more about your child. Get an overview of the interview process.
* Work together to apply for financial aid. The earlier you apply, the better.
* Learn about college loan options together. Borrowing money for college can be a wise choice — especially if your high schooler gets a low-interest federal loan. Be cautious; learn about loan options and a parent's role in borrowing money.
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