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In this presentation we give a brief overview of the program structure of the NSF-funded Smooth Transition for Advancement to Graduate Education (STAGE) for Underrepresented Students in the Mathematical Sciences. Then we will discuss effective recruitment and program implementation strategies. If time permits, we will discuss preliminary qualitative data on the effects of participation in STAGE on mathematical confidence. (Received September 02, 2012)