Spotlight Strategy: Strengthen Relationships with Education Partners

Indiana County Technology Center

According to Ms. Carol Jean Fry, the director at Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC), building strong relationships with the local community is essential to the success of a career and technical center (CTC). She explained, "We make efforts to provide almost every possible means of outreach to the community, and the rewards, such as scholarships, come back to us."

The leaders of ICTC have formed a particularly effective relationship with the area sending schools. Ms. Fry explained, "We want to be perceived as an extension of the student's home school." To achieve this, ICTC's principal and guidance counselor meet with the sending districts mid-way through three of the four marking periods to review student progress and coordinate testing schedules.

In addition, the leadership team and staff work with sending schools to share and review students' grade reports. This enables them to perform regular transcript analysis, where they look for gaps in schedules. For example, they were able to determine that the reason some ICTC students were not taking chemistry was because it was not available during the times they were at the sending school.

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Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) is located in Indiana, Pennsylvania. As a part-time career and technology center, it enrolls approximately 380 students in grades 10 through 12 and provides 13 career and technical education programs. ICTC serves seven school districts.