Utilizing Advisory Committees: A Guide for CTE Instructors

Introduction

Dr. Lakshmi Mahadevan: Hi, my name is Dr. Lakshmi Mahadevan and I am the program coordinator for the Career and Technical Special Populations Training and Resource Education Center at Texas A&M’s AgriLife Extension Service. Welcome to this webcast on Advisory Committees. Advisory Committees provide distinct advantages to Career and Technical Education programs, especially when it comes to serving all students including special populations. However, it is important to determine how an advisory committee can be efficiently established and the ways in which they can meet the goals of the CTE program. In this webcast, we provide you with an example of how an advisory committee can be conducted and effectively utilized to promote the success of CTE programs.

Kelly Tingle: As far as the role for the advisory committee, they really help us to make sure what we’re teaching is relevant. They also provide us with insight as to places we can get internships for our students and field trip opportunities. They provide guest speakers for us. And they also just let us know about different opportunities in the community. Texas A&M Health Science Center just had 20 of our students go over for a pre-medical symposium. So our students really benefited from that. As well as they talked to us about a nursing academy that will be next week with Saint David’s downtown. But we have some students that will be going to that as well. So it really just provides a connection between the school and the community and how we can best benefit our students in that manner.