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SOCHE and Technology First hosted their first Industry Sector Partnership Information Technology Advisory Group (ITAG) meeting on April 26th, 2023.

Local Non-Profit Dedicated to Building Ohio's Workforce.

Dayton, OH: (5/02/2023) The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) and Technology First have collaborated to build an IT Industry Sector Partnership workforce ecosystem through the formation of the Information Technology Advisory Group (ITAG). The ITAG partners are a collective group made up of regional education organizations, social service, and employer partners. The purpose of the ITAG partnership is to work collectively to help develop the current IT workforce and build the next generation of workforce, provide support and resource opportunities for populations with barriers to employment, increase Tech Prep and IMAP applications, disseminate K-12 curriculum for IT and increase IT work-based learning that will strengthen Ohio's economy. ITAG will meet bi-monthly to help advise, counsel, and amplify the Industry Sector Partnership's strategy and message.

SOCHE connects students, educators, government, and employers, to share information, access professional development opportunities, and close workforce gaps through increasing internships and research projects. SOCHE is dedicated to providing employers with the proper tools for understanding the workforce supply in different industries in Ohio, as well as in-demand occupational information.

"SOCHE is excited to partner with many organizations around the region through the ITAG. In addition, we have launched the Industry Sector Partnership website to assist employers in accessing regional partners to help support their workforce needs," said SOCHE President, Cassie Barlow, PhD. "Our region becomes stronger when we work together to support our partners attain additional resources to strengthen Ohio's workforce and economy."

Furthermore, SOCHE and our partners are committed to organizing workshops, trade events, training and conferences that provide timely resources to employers, faculty, staff and students. Our events are the result of ideation and collaboration among our partners.

Check out the IT Industry Sector Partnership website here: <https://www.soche.org/isp/>

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