addressing challenges

a shortage of STEM-skilled workers to fill open and anticipated jobs

The Appalachia Partnership Initiative (API) focuses on 27 counties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

40% of parents polled in the tri-state area believe schools need to do more to prepare students for advanced technology jobs.

Strategy

Our goal is to engage, mobilize and catalyze a community of leaders across multiple sectors.

Impact

API programs reach more than 90 public schools and post-secondary institutions, providing rural communities with access to high-quality education and technology.

Economic development begins with education and training. API’s commitment will continue to support the needs of industries and the future of the region.

Investment

Launched in 2014 with a five-year $20 million commitment from Chevron, API is a collaboration of five regional organizations.

Earning 27 degrees in pre-engineering, math and computer science can lead to high demand career opportunities in energy and manufacturing.

Increasing technical skills.

Students and adult learners gain quality training to prepare them for careers in energy and manufacturing.

For example, Catalyst Connection ($424,000 invested to-date) supports apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing and supports professional development for educators interested in teaching students about the manufacturing industry.

API partners with 37 collaborative organizations, leveraging public funding to increase our impact.