

## THE PATINS PROJECT

The PATINS Project is a statewide technical assistance network that connects Indiana schools to accessible educational materials, assistive technology, professional development, and technical support through the Indiana Departments of Education (IDOE).

### **April 2023 Upcoming No-Cost Trainings from the PATINS Project**

Check out PATINS and the Indiana Center for Accessible Materials (ICAM) free training resources for increasing accessibility in the classroom throughout April. Register for upcoming training [here!](#)

### **Congratulations to PATINS Starfish Award Recipient, Chris Thompson**

Congratulations to Chris Thompson, Applied Skills Teacher in Argos Community Schools and the PATINS Project's latest Starfish Award winner! Watch her [award video](#) to learn about Chris' compassion and high expectations for all students. "Chris said she will not consider working without augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices available in her classroom moving forward because of the change it has made in her classroom. She is passionate about finding a voice in every student and creating a nurturing educational environment where students are heard, loved and make educational progress. She is an inspiration and her enthusiasm and love for teaching is more than evident in her daily practice. She makes a lifelong difference in the lives of her students." Do you know an educator who goes above and beyond for their students? [Nominate](#) them today for the Starfish Award.

### **Contact the PATINS Project for Technical Assistance**

The PATINS Project and IDOE are eager to provide technical assistance directly to Indiana schools. Schools may complete IDOE's [Technical Assistance Request Form](#) to request direct support.

Contact the [PATINS Project](#) with any questions regarding these opportunities.