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Changing Students' Lives with Data & Collaboration

Congratulations to our latest Starfish Award winner, behavior consultant for the Exceptional Children's Cooperative, Clive Williams!
Nominator and PATINS Specialist, Jessica Conrad says, "Clive is an amazing behavior consultant and has a strong vision about how good data and relationships can change a student's course. He has put in over a dozen hours to create a free solution, an ABC Data form (which is shared at no cost by PATINS), to help teams understand behavior. **I have never worked with someone so determined and insightful to make one tool "just right" so everyone can use it, spending less time on the clerical part of data and more time on analysis, intervention, and support.** In the spirit of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Clive exemplifies how to promote collaboration and data so all students have access to their education."

Know an outstanding educator like Clive? Nominate your colleague today and they may be the next PATINS Starfish Award winner!

Nominate for the Starfish Award

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**Recent Additions to the Lending Library**

Did you know the [PATINS Lending Library catalog](#) is updated regularly with the latest and greatest assistive technology devices, software, resource materials, and apps? These items are available for loan and shipped at no-cost to school personnel at Indiana's Local Education Agencies for a six-week evaluation period. Check out awesome new additions:
Apple Watch Series 2
Improve access by connecting the watch with educational apps for speech to text, dictation, or translation. (iPhone 5 or newer needed to update to latest software.)

Mountbatten Whisperer Learning System with Keyboard
Introduce students to Braille literacy in a fun and inclusive manner. Preschool through high school students can benefit from this device's features.

Skyle for iPad Pro 12.9" (Eye Tracker)
When using this device, students can completely control the iPad with their eyes for independent access and augmentative/alternative communication (AAC).
Stream Deck 15 and Stream Deck Mini
With customizable buttons, tap to control apps and platforms for conferencing software, navigating the computer, and more!

Need implementation ideas for these devices? Reach out to PATINS and a specialist will be happy to provide new ideas and brainstorm solutions for your students' access needs.

Request Loan Items

Revised UDL Lesson Creator

The PATINS UDL Lesson Creator tool has been revised to include considerations for cultural and racial backgrounds. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a natural partner with antiracism.

Lesson planning should begin with embracing differences in the classroom and designing creatively for all differences. We would love to have you try this tool, using a lesson you have already created,
and let us know how it changed your perspective.

If you want to learn more about the connection between these two important concepts, PATINS recommends the book *Antiracism and Universal Design for Learning* by Andratesha Fritzgerald.

## Virtual Tech Expo 2021 Schedule Coming Soon!

The virtual [PATINS Tech Expo 2021 with IN*SOURCE](#) Schedule at a Glance is coming soon to an inbox near you! Meanwhile, get excited for presentations from educational resource vendors and service organizations covering:

- Tech Tools
- Access
- Communication
- Advocacy & Social/Emotional Services
• Literacy
• Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Low Vision

On April 15, 2021, it’s your opportunity to **preview assistive and accessible technologies and services**, meet with vendors and experts of resources designed to **promote inclusion** and to comply with federal and state mandates, and learn about accessibility and technology supports for all students and families.

Register today to secure your spot for our second annual virtual expo!

[Register for Tech Expo]

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**Connect through #PatinsIcam Twitter Chats**

Join **#PatinsIcam Twitter Chat on Tuesday nights at 8:30 pm EST**, for one half hour full of collaboration, resource/tool sharing, and supportive conversation to grow your Professional Learning Network (PLN). Indiana educators are eligible to receive 1 no-cost Professional Growth Point (PGP) by attending the chat and completing a short form.

Upcoming #PatinsIcam Twitter chat topics:

**March 2:** Behavior Strategies using Assistive Technology  
**March 9:** Effective Assistive Technology Evaluations  
**March 16:** Reading and Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
**March 23:** Can't Touch That - Alternative Access
Questions about #PatinsIcam Twitter Chat, not sure how to get started, or want to recommend a topic? Email PATINS Specialist, Kelli Suding who is happy to welcome you into the #PatinsIcam PLN.

#PatinsIcam Twitter Chat Details

Register for No-Cost Trainings

For additional information on the trainings listed below, please visit our training calendar. Click on the link for more information and to register.

An Hour with Lydia Dawley: Assistive Technology Entrepreneur and AAC User on March 8
Lydia is CEO of her own company, creator of assistive technology (NadPen), and is someone who uses AAC and other assistive technology herself. Lydia has years of experience consulting and helping others have better experiences with AAC. Her speech will be followed by an opportunity for questions from the audience. Target Audience: teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, families, and students

ASD: High Expectations for All Students on March 1
This is a beginner session that tackles the complex needs of students
on the autism spectrum with discussions and strategies to support behavior and classroom engagement through teaching executive functioning skills and implementation of the Universal Design for Learning principles. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the "why" some behaviors seem perplexing and multiple methods to utilize in supporting students on the spectrum to become independent learners while demonstrating tools that can be used in the school setting. **Target Audience:** All educators, IT personnel, and administrators

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**Captions for All: The Writing's on the Wall on March 4**

Through demonstrations and tool exploration, you will learn how to implement the use of captions in your classroom as you facilitate each of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL guidelines - engagement, representation, and action and expression). Come with questions and walk away with the tools needed for captioned access in your classroom. **Target Audience:** general education teachers, special education teachers, and teachers for the deaf/hard of hearing

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**Change the Soil, Not the Flower: The Inclusive Tools See and Play on March 5**

In this interactive virtual session, we will "play" with some items from the PATINS Lending Library. We're bringing out all our greatest hits: tried-and-true favorites and the newest items, talking about how they can best support our youngest learners! **Target Audience:** all teachers, therapists, and administrators of early learning settings
**DRM: What is it and how do I become one? on March 4**

This training will explain the tasks required of a Digital Rights Manager (DRM) and the role of the ICAM (Indiana Center for Accessible Materials) in acquiring AEM (Accessible Educational Materials) for students with documented print disabilities.

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**Getting the Most of Indiana Services For Your Students with Blindness and Low Vision**

Are you working with students with tactile and low vision needs as a teacher or related service provider? Learn about a wealth of no cost resources from PATINS, ICAM (Indiana Center for Accessible Materials), and IERC (Indiana Educational Resource Center). **Target Audience:** teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, families, and students

**Register for dates offered:** March 9 or March 18

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**H-Appy Hour: AAC and Your Device on March 9**

Discuss assessment ideas and baseline data collection. There are numerous augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) solutions available across platforms and devices. This session will include an overview of AAC solutions describing costs, platforms, features, and some pros and cons. **Target Audience:** teachers, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical
therapists, administrators, and anyone who supports students who use a device for AAC

**H-Appy Hour: Apps for Note-taking and Writing on March 10**
This training will demonstrate at least 10 apps, while offering a list of even more apps for later perusal, that can be used as strategies to help students who need options for note-taking, writing for literacy, and math activities in the classroom. **Target Audience:** all general and special education teachers, administrators, related service providers, and paraprofessionals

**ICAM Digital Files: Delivery and what to do once you receive them! on March 18**
The order has been processed and the Digital Rights Manager (DRM) has received notification. What is next? This training will demonstrate how the particular digital file ordered will be delivered and accessed by the student.

**ICAM Ordering - Answers and Problem Solving on March 11**
You have become a Digital Rights Manager (DRM), now it is time to order. This training will guide you through the ordering process and solve any problems you might encounter.
**No Tech Teaching for Primary Grades on March 11**

Not all students have access to technology and not all learning is necessary with technology! How can we keep our students reading? How can we keep our students moving? How can we set up our students for success during continuous learning? During this webinar, we will explore ways to engage the brain by creating opportunities for learning with what students have around their home. **Target Audience:** all educators and parents/guardians

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**Open Your Chromebook to Accessibility for All on March 9**

This live webinar will provide tips for educators on accessibility features of the Chromebook. This 60 minute session is designed to help educators locate, activate, and understand the use of accessibility features of the Chromebook. There will be some extra extension features for fun too! Grab your lunch and get ready to crack open your Chromebooks! **Target Audience:** general education teachers and special education teachers

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**Students with ASD? Try This! Tech & Tools That Could Change the Game for Your Student on March 23**

This live webinar session will lead you through examples and ideas of how to implement built-in accessibility features and assistive technology that can be borrowed from the PATINS Lending Library to support success for students with ASD academically, behaviorally, and socially. The tech and tools that will be shared are available in the PATINS Lending Library for your trial purposes or can be
Switch Access: Get Connected with Your Devices on March 8
Learn how to use various access (switches, head, eyes, voice) methods to control different devices including; iPad, Android, Mac, Windows, and Chrome to help your students access communication and academics. Target Audience: teachers, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, administrators, and anyone who supports students who may need alternative access for a device

Tots on Tablets: Apps and Best Practice for Young Learners on March 1
How do we harness tablets to promote engagement and meaningful learning in the classroom and home? With a focus on best practice and guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics, we will look at virtual and augmented reality, fun tools and apps, accessibility, and more. Target Audience: all teachers, therapists, and administrators of early learning settings

Use It Tomorrow AAC: Data Ideas on March 1
How do you know and how do you show progress and intervention opportunities for students with complex communication needs? We
will discuss and review several simple and free/low-cost tools to support teams in knowing "where are we? and where are we going?" in the world of AAC. **Target Audience:** therapists, teachers, and administrators

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All times listed are Eastern Standard Time (EST)

PGPs and ASHA hours are available for all training opportunities.

See a training you would like to attend, but the date doesn't fit your schedule, or it's already full? Maybe you have a training topic that you would like to request. **Request training times & topics that work for you!**

Request Training