GOAL:
This CoIN sought to increase access to and knowledge of appropriate physical activity standards and activities within the special needs population.

Indiana’s CoIN team focused on positively impacting the health of special needs children by increasing the capacity and knowledge of those who are in positions to influence their behavior. The team identified a need for professional development in adaptive physical activity for children with special needs.

During its first year, the CoIN partnered on a 6-8 week in-person training for state educators in the Indianapolis metro area. In the CoIN’s second year, a new partnership enabled the team to broaden its reach statewide with two additional trainings for educators.

METHODOLOGY
• Built a strong, diverse team within the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, with a variety of expertise, especially among youth and adolescents
• Leveraged the team’s partnerships to identify gaps and needs in adapted physical activity
• Identified and secured potential training partners
• Adapted strategy in year two with a new partner experienced in professional development

PARTICIPANTS
• 50+ teachers across the state received training

PARTNERS
• Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
• Purdue Extension
• OPEN Phys Ed
• Indianapolis Public Schools
• Indianapolis YMCA

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