

Arkansas Department of Education
Employee of the Month
Hidden Gem
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Robin Stripling



Robin Stripling is a member of the Office of Special Programs including the Office of Special Education in the inclusive practices model for students with disabilities. This work is done to bring Arkansas into alignment with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Robin and the work of her team members has been recognized nationally including the Brookings Center. The Inclusive Practices Leadership Schools Pilot Program has led to swift and dramatic improvement of not only the scores of students with disabilities but all students in the schools. Multiple Pilot schools have improved their school report card by a whole letter grade because of the work on this project. Robin was nominated by her co-workers and her supervisor.