Accessibility Champion Designation Award Announcement

Independent Connection

ACCESSIBILITY CHAMPION

A Community Designation by Independent Connection Inc.

Independent Connection is thrilled to announce that Ardis Bryan, Project SEARCH Salina Instructor, has been awarded the 2026 “Accessibility Champion” designation for her strong creativity and forward-thinking approach in how Project SEARCH supports accessibility through meaningful, real-world job training opportunities.

Angie Saenger, Executive Director shares, “The ‘Accessibility Champion’ was created to honor a person or organization who is making considerable contributions and who displays dedication to making North Central Kansas communities accessibility-friendly and welcoming. We value our partnership with the Project SEARCH team.”

Ardis also goes above and beyond to set her students up for long-term success by connecting them with additional community resources that support them after the program ends. This ongoing coordination helps individuals maintain progress and continue building a positive and productive future beyond Project SEARCH.

The efforts of Ardis Bryan and her team at Project SEARCH are highly valued by peers, partner employers, families, and schools because of the positive and measurable difference they make.

This designation is a testament to Ardis’s exceptional leadership and sincerity in her commitment to helping people with disabilities gain job skills.

Thank you, Ardis!